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Companies ready to join BT battle

Windfall tax faces legal challenge

TONY BLAIR and Gordon Brown faced their first big confrontation with industry last night after a threat from British Telecom and other privatised companies to derail the windfall tax.

Sir Iain Vallance, chairman of BT, which seems certain to fall within the scope of the tax, announced that he would challenge in the courts any move to snatch its profits. His stance was backed by another potential target, BAA, former-ly the British Airports Authority.

At least five others suggest-ed that they might also support the moves — which follows years of painstaking wooing of the City by Labour. They pledged to seek ways to fight the tax.

BG, the renamed and demerged British Gas, claimed that it should not be included in a windfall tax. Philip Hampton, its timance director, said it was "simply a matter of fact that there had been no windfall for investors". BG, which is taking advice, refused to dro vide funds to cover the tax in its first-quarter accounts; saying there was not enough information to establish what figure may eventually be re-

Nick Hood, chairman of Wessex Water, praised BT and said that Sir lain had acted to protect shareholders: "Jain Vallance is doing what any chairman should." Mr Hood said he would resist the tax if it was lerrily possible.

A spokeswoman for the Energy Group, which recently split from the Hanson conglomerate, said: "If we find the tax is illegal and there is a loophole we will look seriously at taking it.

Anglian Water, which has also campaigned against the levy, said it was reviewing legal options and that a chall-



It's Gordon Brown he says he's getting nuisance calls from our chairman" --

enge would be mounted if the tax was found to be anti-

The Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer responded selly — pointing out that the tax, which will be used te off the jobless billion will be raised from it and City studies have predicted that BT could face a bill of up to £1.4 billion.

Sources close to the Chancellor voiced astonishment that "some people do not seem to have understood the result of the election" and irritation that companies which had been invited to the Treasury to discuss the plans had decided to campaign against them through the media. They should stop whingeing," one

Mr Sleir said bluntly: "My Government was elected to carry out its clear pro-grammine and it will carry out that programme."

Labour spokesmen voiced confidence that it could see off any legal challenge. The windfall tax will be in the Budget

next month. It is also expected that at that time the campanies to be affected and the sums they will have to pay will

Sir Iain opened up the prospect of legal action on the day that he announced a record £3.2 billion profit for his company. He surprised Labour and the City by going public.In the run up to, and during, the election BT and other companies avoided re-acting in public to the tax, although some issued private threats of legal action.

Sir Iain said he did not know whether BT was going to be hit but insisted it was not a utility and that it would be "perverse to line us up for punishment". Then the BAA, which could face a bill of £350 million, supported its line and accused Labour of action "verging on irresponsibility" in allowing the company to be included in speculation about

The BAA said: "Like BT, we have been frustrated by the refusal to count us in or count os out.

The BT chairman appeared to be reacting to the remarks last weekend by Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster-General, that it was hard to see how BT could be left out of the tax's scope. Before the election there were signs that while Mr Brown favoured its inclusion, Mr Blair was cool on the idea. The threat of court action has now made it virtually certain that BT will be targeted: sources said that Labour could not be seen to bow to a

Independent experts said last night that a challenge was likely to fail, although the companies would stand a better chance in the European Court

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Mary Allen, Arts Council chief, in Cannes yesterday with the producer Duncan Kenworthy

Support grows for wider

Tory vote on leadership

Three film companies share £92m lottery cash

FROM DALYA ALBERGE IN CANNES

THREE film companies were awarded £92 million of lottery cash yesterday in an attempt to help British cinema to compete with Hollywood.

The winners, announced by the Arts Council at the Cannes Film Festival, beat off competition from 34 rival bidders to win cash that will be used to make 90 British films over the next six years.

However, the biggest boost for years to the struggling in-dustry ran into immediate criticism when the Arts Council decided only to award only three of the four franchises

originally on offer. The chosen few were Pathé Pictures, including producers responsible for Gandhi and The Killing Fields, which received £33 million; The Film Consortium, whose producers have worked on Land and Freedom and the Crying Game, which was awarded £30.25 million; and DNA Film, a company formed by Duncan Kenworthy, the producer of Britain's most successful film, Four Weddings and a Funeral, which received

£29 million. The total investment involved is more than £460 million: lottery funding accounts for about a fifth of that figure.

The investment will enable the consortia to work on a variety of films, as they do in Hollywood, rather than just on one film at a time. Mr Kenworthy promised to produce "low-budget British films with energy, taste and style". He added: "I feel a bit like Tony Blair. I'm thinking, we've won and now the real work begins."

The announcement was made by Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, at a press conference attended by a delegation from the Arts Council

that included Mary Allen, the Secretary-General. Lottery money was used to cover their travel and accommodation. Almost everyone in the British industry was involved in a bid. Elton John's Rocket Pictures and Merchant Ivory were among the companies that

were unlucky.
The intended drama of the press conference was dampened slightly when everyone was faxed with the results 15 minutes beforehand. Filmmakers proved to be bad losers: few of the most prominent figures showed up. Some expressed disappointment and anger, although most of those declined to be named because they hope to receive other lottery funds for individ-

ual films. One film-maker said of the selection panel, chaired by Clare Mulholland, that the members were mainly from television: "Anybody who's any good would be associated with a franchise bid and therefore could not have been on the panel."

Sir Sydney Samuelson, of the British Film Commission, said: "I'm disappointed that there were only three awards. Does that mean that of all the other 34 applicants, there wans't one that met the criteria? I find that difficult to believe knowing the calibre of many of the applicants."

Asked why a fourth fran-chise had been refused, Charles Denton, chairman of the Arts Council panel on film and a former head of BBC Drama, said that "only three consortia fully met the crite-ria"; he added that there were no plans for a fourth to be awarded. He refused to be more specific.

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Inflation hits the 2.5% target

The former Conservative Government succeeded in hitting its 2.5 per cent inflation target last month, just days before losing the election.

Excluding mortgage payments the underlying rate of inflation fell from an aureual rate of 27 per cent..... Page 21

Anti-fat pill

Overweight Americans were delighted yesterday after gov-ernment scientific advisers recommended the approval of a revolutionary new auti-...Page 19 obesity pill ___

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Lloyd joins THE TIMES



editor of the New States and one of Britain's most tinglished commeritators on Labour politics; starts a new weekly column in

The Times today (page 22). Mr Lloyd, a former Moscow endent of the Financial Times, will analyse the progress of new Labour.

TONY BLAIR is expected to fly into Northern Ireland to-

ister, he has met all the main party leaders in Northern Ireland Mr Blair has emphasised he is determined to inject momentum into the faltering peace process.

Blair to spell out plan for Ulster peace

day to set out his vision of the Province's future just two weeks after his election success (Nicholas Watt writes).
The visit underlines his determination to place the search for peace in Northein Ireland at the top of his agenda. He is expected to set out the Government's approach in a keynote speech. Since becoming Prime Min-

confirmed to friends that he will definitely be a candidate for the influential post. Mr Clark, along with the majority of the 35-strong new intake of Tory MPs, is backing an urgent review in time for

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent the vote next month. "The carnage of May 1 makes it all the more urgent. This is the critical time. The 1922 sets the rules so it can change the

rules," he said last night. "It has to happen."

Proposals for an electoral college have been drawn up by the National Union, the voluntary wing of the party. Robin Hodgson, the chairman, has maintained that such a rule change could be implemented swiftly, and would set the election date back by no more

A MORI poll for The Times shows that Kenneth Clarke is the clear favourite to succeed John Major among members of the public and Tory than a couple of weeks. There was speculation at

Westminster last night that Mr Hodgson, who is a former Tory MP, might resign if changes are not made without delay. Such a loss would be a serious blow to the party high command. Each of the six leadership contenders has identified a revival of the grassroots as the key to the restoration of the party's fortunes.

Support for the rule change appeared to be gathering pace at Westminster last night. The former Cabinet minister John MacGregor, the favourite to win next Wednesday's 1922 ballot, is also in favour. He said: "There are huge practical difficulties. If agreement can be reached with the parliamentary party we should do it. Continued on page 2, col 4

Top civil servants ape baboons' stress management

PLANS to change the rules for

the Tory leadership election to

give party activists a say are

winning growing support among Conservative MPs.

It emerged yesterday that three leading candidates to become the chairman of the

backbench 1922 committee,

which sets the terms of the

contest, favour involving the

grassroots if agreement can be reached with MPs. They may

get up to 20 per cent of the vote in a new electoral college.

ister, who re-entered the Com-

mons as member for

Kensington and Chelsea, has

Alan Clark, the former min-

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

WHITEHALL mandaries, as their underlings may have long believed, five like baboons. While it has always been accepted that the corridors of power are alive with monkey business, the common view of permanent secretaries has been of cool, calculating Sir Humphreys. A new study reveals they have a lot in common with our pink-Baboons which are dominant in

their troupes in the African Serengeti and senior civil servants both show fewer signs of stress than their social and workplace inferiors, according to research published yesterday. The two groups make ideal subjects when it comes to investigating relative health records between achievers and less successful rivals, it was claimed. Both Civil Service mandarins and East African primates have plentiful access to food and resources. They enjoy spare time to mate and groom while

also facing the same daily grind of stress, conflict and confrontation, the research said. Writing in the British Medical Journal, Eric Brunner, of University College London, found studies showed that cholesterol and key protein levels — both vital stress : indicators — were lower in highranking individuals than their less successful colleagues.

The lipid and lipoprotein pattern observed in male civil servants reoroduces the pattern found in the social hierarchy of male baboons," he said. The similarities made them ideal to compare relative chances of living and dying from illnesses such as cancer and heart disease.

Such psycho-social factors could one day provide the key to understanding the way health is affected by the mind and work, he said. Female Whitehall high-fliers might be relieved that they are excluded from the study. Equal opportunities have apparently yet to reach the baboon world.

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Tories squeal now that front bench heel is on a Labour foot Greater love hath no front bencher than the recovery—and a safe return to what insiders are rhubbing the lay down her what insiders are r

reater love hath no front bencher than that she lay down her moment of glory for a Tory leadership-contender. If Peter Lilley wins next month, he will owe a debt of honour to Gillian Shephard. And. of course, to the mystery virus which so unexpeciedly struck

her down yesterday.

Mr Lilley was obliged to take her place on the front bench, as opening Opposition bat in the Debate on Education and Employment. Quite by coincidence. Mrs Shephard is on Mr Lilley's campaign

what insiders are dubbing the Lilley & Gilley Show.

Lilley made an assured

start. His jokes are dreadful, his delivery a little grim and his attempts to be abusive grate, but what consistently impresses about the former Social Security Secretary is the force of his intelligence.

Where other politicians' instinct is to duck the argument and kick low. Mr Lilley takes his opponent's case at its strongest, answers it, and explains his own. Thus, yesterthe young would create employment, but insisted they would not save money.

He accepted that if you lower the cost of employing people. more will be employed; but - on the same principle - argued that if you raise the cost of employing people, some will lose their

This, he said, would be the effect of the minimum wage. On the pages of The Times business news that might be thought sixth form stuff. In the



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POLITICAL SKETCH

Commons it is water in the desert. MPs actually listened to Mr Lilley.

He was answering David Blunkett, Labour's new Edu-cation and Employment Secretary. This was Mr Blunkett's debut at the government dispatch box. He. too, made an assured start.

Mr Blunkett promises to prove a reliable servant to his

Street. Unhurried and unflapped, he is unafraid of pauses. A granite confidence in his case and a solid delivery lend a relentlessness to his

Partisan in his style, there is something a little sour ungenerous, perhaps - in the effect, and Blunkett can sound resentful; but he gets to where

though several young Tory pups tried. It was a novelty to watch a minister speaking with his face raised, his finger moving smoothly over a blank sheet of paper on the Dispatch box before him. How will his civil servants, from their special box, scribble him notes in

Later in the debate came an early Maiden speech from the youngest new Member in the House. The expression of surprise has now worn off the face of Christopher Leslie (Lab.

Shipley) who, elected at 24, astonished everyone, not least himself, by unseating Sir Marcus Fox, the veteran Chairman of the last Tory 1922

Mr Leslie amused both sides by remarking that when Sir Marcus delivered his own Maiden speech in 1971, his successor in the seat was minus eighteen months old. I wonder whether a sneezing fit, or a shudder, seizes an MP when the baby destined to unseat him is born?

If premonitions are anything to go by, mine -

24. watching the new Hot ast Leader, Ann Taylor, bruit aside Opposition backberly protests — is that this n gang are likely to prove arrogant and high-hand with the House as the ligang were. The Liberal Denicrats seem to have appoint themselves unpaid poor the new Communication. the new Government, a cannot kick the habit of attac ing the Conservative Party. Still, to watch the Tories

for once — squealing a whining under a Labour G

ernment front bench he

made a delicious change.

Reforms to end all-night sittings in Commons

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SWEEPING reforms to modernise the workings of the House of Commons and to bring the hours of politicians more in line with other professions are to be backed by the

Ann Taylor, Leader of the House, announced yesterday that a full debate on the modernisation of Commons procedures would be held next Thursday and a committee would be set up to recommend

Options to be discussed include reducing late-night sittings so that on most evenings votes are not held beyond 10pm, with the occasional division at 11.30pm. All-night sittings, once a regular feature in the Commons, are expected to be consigned to history.

Thursday evening sittings would end whenever possible at 7pm to allow MPs in constituencies outside London to get home to do surgeries on Friday. Government sources admitted it would not be possible to change to a nine-tofive day because of those MPs out of Landon who could not be expected to attend for a full day on Friday or Monday. One option, however, is to have more morning sessions on midweek days to allow an

During a business statement yesterday Ms Taylor made clear that there would be no question of dropping the plan to confine Prime Minister's questions to a 30-minute slot on Wednesday's. Despite an organised barrage of criti-cism from Tory MPs, Ms Taylor made clear that proposal would go ahead.

Ministerial sources also signalled changes to the Commons year, including a shorter summer recess, and more

constituency weeks at other times of the year. Ministers said vesterday that there were no plans to ask MPs this year to return in September instead of after the October conferences - but this could

happen in future. Ms Taylor believes that there should be less of a distinction between the sittings of the House and the recess. She argues that committees should be able to work when the House is not formally sitting and backbench MPs should be able to table emergency parliamentary ques-

tions during this time. The committee on modernising procedures in the Commons will also look at changing the way MPs address each other in the Chamber, and the cumbersome voting system. But Ms Taylor has pointed out in the past that letting MPs vote through the divison lobbies, rather than introducing a simple computerised system, does give them a chance to meet ministers.

Ms Taylor is also anxious to introduce more draft legislation, and pre-legislation committee meetings which would allow evidence to be taken on bills before they started their Commons passage.

ters are pressing for prompt questions" report from Sir Gordon Downey. Sources con-firmed that Neil Hamilton, who lost his Tatton seat to Martin Bell could still be called to give evidence to the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee, an event which may be televised.

Mr Bell, who stood as an anti-corruption candidate. could even be on that

Surrogacy couple 'emotionally's paralysed' by mother's actions

THE Dutch couple whose baby is being carried by a British surrogate mother said yesterday that they were emo-tionally paralysed by her "huge deceit" in keeping the child.

Sonja and Clemens Peeters said that words could not express the pain they were experiencing. "After the joy of knowing that we were finally going to have a child, and then the sadness at the loss through an abortion, the news came that the pregnancy was still intact," the couple said.

Their statement, issued by Freya, a Dutch support agency for couples with fertility problems, attacked the surrogate mother Karen Roche, 31. who allegedly told the Peeters that the child had been aborted while deciding to keep the

baby.
While we were mourning the loss of our child — a child that Sonja 'felt' pregnant with - the emergence of the lie has deeply shocked us," the couple said. "It now appears that the surrogate mother wants to keep the child and we are in despair. We feel anxious, sad and very uncertain about our child's future. We feel terribly deceived by the surrogate mother and are disappointed in Cots [the British surrogate Minister hints at change in the law

By Dominic Kennedy

THE Public Health Minister Tessa Jowell

signalled a rethink of Britain's surrogacy

laws yesterday. She said: The most

look at those facts in the light of existing

legislation and then make a judgment

She spoke as the British Medical

Association called for Parliament to

impose controls over organisations such

as Kim Cotton's, which introduced Mrs

Roche, a nursery nurse, to the Peeters.

The United Kingdom is fast becoming

the rent-a-womb capital of western

Europe, with couples rushing to private

clinics in London to take advantage of the

"blind eye" turned to surrogacy by British

law. The French and Dutch forbid

surrogacy and it is discouraged in

about the adequacy of the existing law."



Before the split Karen Roche, left, with Sonja Peeters

would risk being jailed for a year and fined 100,000 Francs under laws which

punish anyone who is regarded as

The private London Gynaecology and

Fertility Centre has helped infertile

women from France, Germany and the

Netherlands. They are referred to Mrs

Cotton's organisation Childlessness Overcome Through Surrogacy, known as COTS, a voluntary network of amateurs

who provide free advice linking potential

The London clinic, a pioneer in test-

tube baby treatments, insists that all

parties must be interviewed by a psychia-

trist and refers each case to its ethics

committee. It charges at least \$2,400 per surrogacy. The centre has rejected poten-

British surrogates with childless couples.

mothers agency), whom we very beginning that her family totally trusted in the was complete and that she

The Peeters said they had considered using a surrogate mother for two years before taking the step. It was their last option after Mrs Peeters, 38. had suffered five miscarriages in the ten years they had been trying to have a child. The couple said they talked everything through with Mrs Roche and Cots, focusing on the surrogate mother's motives and the consequences. "The surrogate mother assured us from the

was complete and that she

The couple added: The exguidance for the parents was regulations for surrogate pregnancies, offering more

would hand over the child."

tremely bad aftercare and unfortunately fatal for us." Mr and Mrs Peeters said they had told their story to a British newspaper this week to spare other couples "the sadness and unbearable pain" they have experienced and to prevent a repeat of "the terrible drama". The couple hoped the authorities would create better

Germany. A Kim Cotton-figure in France tial surrogates who have failed to consid-

provoking a mother to "abandon" her to be too keen on the money.

parents and ruling out misunderstandings. The statement by Mr and Mrs Peeters, who are staying at a secret address in The Netherlands, said they were too devastated to speak directly to the press. Nevertheless, it was confirmed the couple had given an exclusive interview to a Dutch newspaper.

A spokeswoman for Freya, denied the couple had sought exclusive deals for financial gain. They are a normal Dutch couple, who are at their wits end. They didn't sleep last night. They have no plans at present047 The Dutch were showing little sympathy for the couple yesterday, as MPs pounced on the case as an exemplary justification of the ban on commercial surrogate

pregnancies in the Netherlands. "Commercial Just look at what happens,

A Dutch Social Democrat
MP, Mieke van der Burg, said

in a newspaper interview: "Such a case is a grim experience for the couple and the surrogate mother. They are both losers." The "commercial arrangement" of surrogate pregnancies by agencies or individuals has been banned in The Netherlands since 1993, although several "non-com-mercial" cases are said to

er fully the implications of giving up a

baby, and recently refused to impregnate

a struggling mother-of-two who seemed

of up to £10,000. (Commercial surrogacy

is outlawed under British law.) COTS has

helped produce 200 surrogate babies. Mrs Cotton says the Yorkshirewoman

and the Dutch couple ignored all her

guidelines by, for example, trying insemi-

nation almost immediately rather than

Bill O'Neill, the BMA's ethics adviser,

said the Department of Health should

consider regulating organisations like COTS and the other main surrogate

network Hope, and called for more

Professor . Heaney recalled

how Mr Brown presided at a

reception last year at the club

to celebrate after he won the 1995 Nobel Prize for Litera-

ture: "Many things were pre-

cious about that evening.

including Sean's presentation

to me of a painting of Lough

Beg and the country around it.

where we both grew up. But even more important was the

fact that the celebration was

attended by people from both

sides of the community.

research into psychological effects.

getting to know each other.

Head teachers face test on standards

Schools will not be allowed to appoint a head teacher unless the candidate has gained a qualification teaching them how to develop an "educational vision committed to raising standards", the Prime Minister said yesterday.

Tony Blair announced plans for a mandatory qualification on the day the first voluntary-headship courses were advertised. The plan will be included in legislation in the autumn but cannot be enforced for several years as the course will take between one and three years to complete. Head teachers' leaders welcomed the plans but said that teachers should not be expected to meet the cost of studying for up to three years out of their own pockets.

Defaulters to avoid jail

The Home Secretary is to end the jailing of fine defaulters and introduce limits on the length of time prisoners can be held on remand, in an attempt to ease population difficulties in jails by making an estimated 6,000 cells available. Jack Straw, who will today make his first prison visit as Home Secretary, is also to drop plans to curb the right to jury trial for some offenders.

No jury for Aitken case

Jonathan Aitken, the former Chief Secretary to the Treasury, will have his libel action against The Guardian and Granada TV heard by a judge without a jury. In the Court of Appeal yesterday, Lord Bingham, the Lord Chief Justice, upheld a judge's decision that the 10-week case over allegations about his public life would be too complex to be tried by a jury.

Mother wins birth case

A mother who had a high-risk pregnancy after a hospital failed to diagnose primary pulmonary hypertension, a life-threatening condition, is expected to receive up to £500,000 damages. Mrs X, 39, a nurse, is unlikely to see her daughter, now six, grow up. The High Court ruled that Croydon Health Authority was liable for the pregnancy, birth and upbringing of the girl. The award will be assessed later.

Car-boot mugger

A businesswoman aged 24, from Hertfordshire, was pushed into the boot of her car at knifepoint by a robber at a car park in Shepherds Bush, west London. He drove to a secluded corner of the car park, reopened the boot, took her cashpoint card and made her reveal her PIN. He left her locked in while he went to withdraw £200. On his return, he opened the boot and fled.

Coleman says it's all over

David Coleman, right, the presenter of television's longest running sports quiz
A Question of Sport, is to stand down after 18 years. He announced his decision after recording the last programme in the current series, to be broadcast later this month. Mr Coleman, 71, who will remain with the BBC as senior amletics commentator, said he wanted to pursue other projects not

necessarily connected to television. He said yesterday: "I considered retiring a year ago when Ian Botham and Bill Beaumont left, but since I had been involved in the choice of Ally McCoast and John Parrott to succeed them, I felt I should remain to nurse them through their first series. But within five minutes of their first programme, I knew I really wasn't needed."

Attic 'drug plantation

The son of an apple tycoon had a "small plantation" of 156 cannabis plants growing in the affic of his house in Southwell, Nottinghamshire, a jury was told. Heavy Starkey, 23, the son of millionaire Sir John Starkey, a former

Touts cash in on final

Middlesbrough are being sold on the black market for more than 20 times their face value. Touts, who are selling £35 seats for more than £800, are taking advantage of recent legislation which has restricted the resale of tickets. Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said: "The prices are the highest we have heard for the final."

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High Sheriff of the county and head of the family fruit business, was part of a conspiracy to cultivate the drug. Nottingham Crown Court heard.

Tickets for tomorrow's FA Cup final between Cheisea and

Widdecombe quits as shadow as feud with Howard heats up

By Andrew Pierce and Richard Ford

ANN WIDDECOMBE resigned from the Tory front bench yesterday, minutes before she was pushed, as her feud with Michael Howard headed for a Commons showdown on Monday.

The Speaker. Betty Boothroyd, had earlier rejected a request for a personal statement by the former Prisons Minister, But Miss Widdecombe will be given the chance to air her grievances against the former Home Secretary during the debate

on the Queen's Speech.
Alastair Goodlad, the Tory
Chief Whip, called in Miss Widdecombe yesterday to try to persuade her to call off her campaign. But it emerged that she has new allegations boss. She will allege that Mr Howard misled the House of Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs about overspending on prison security. During the meeting with Mr Goodlad she refused to back down from her highly public stance. "I can confirm

that my position with regard to Mr Howard is not compatible with my membership of the Front Bench. I pointed out to Mr Goodlad that I did not consider myself a member of the Front Bench. He was greatly relieved." she said.

Last night Paddy Seligman, former chairman of the board of visitors at Whitemoor topsecurity jail in Cambridge shire, accused Mr Howard of misleading MPs about the escape of five IRA men and an armed robber from the jail in September 1994. She said

that Mr Howard should have taken responsibility after the escape and resigned. "He was grossly unfair in the way he proportioned responsibility after the escapes at Whitemoor and Parkhurst. It appears Ann Widdecombe has pulled the plug on the whole thing and Mr Howard's role. Mr Howard should have taken the lion's share of the

hands tied." Mr Howard, who on Monday night will open the debate for the Tory Opposition. will be on the Front Bench when Miss Widdecombe speaks. She made little secret yesterday of her aim. "I want to wreck his chances of leading the Tory Party," she said.

responsibility for the incident

at Whitemoor because Mr

Lewis was working with his

Tory vote

Continued from page I We should do it in time for the coming contest. There is growing support for the idea."

Tory grandees such as Lord Cranborne, who was Leader of the House of Lords, are pressing for the leadership contest to be delayed because they believe that MPs should have more time to make a considered judgement. They want a caretaker leader to replace John Major until a new election after the October

party conference. Mr MacGregor, who op-posed delaying the contest, cited some of the practical difficulties about giving a vote to the association chairmen or their executive committees. They include whether they would also have a vote in a second or third ballot and whether peers and Euro MPs should also become involved. John Butterfill, who is hoping to secure the nomination of the right-wing 92 group of

MPs, also backed changes.

Heaney mourns murdered friend

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

SEAMUS HEANEY, the Nobel prize-winning Irish poet, has written about the sectarian murder this week of a lifelong friend. In a letter to the Irish News, Professor Heaney said that Sean Brown, who was abducted by loyalists in Bellaghy, Co Londonderry, on Monday night, was a man

of integrity and goodwill. He wrote: "Sean Brown's murder was shocking and sinister. I have known two generations of the Brown family. They are people of great probity, much respected in the Bellaghy district.

Mr Brown, 62, married with six children, was abducted as he locked up Bellaghy's Gaelic Athletic Association club after a weekend celebrating the Derry under-21 team winning the All-Ireland finals.

"He represented something better than we have grown used to, something not quite covered by the word reconciliation, because that word has become a policy word. This was more like purification, a release from what the Greeks called the 'miasma', the stain of spilled blood."



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Peers jokingly rebuke themselves for not standing up properly, as call grows for official to resign

Mr Racing faces the high jump in manners row

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

WITH his left hand thrust deep into a trouser pocket the behaviour he supposedly abhors — John Jenyns arrived at York racecourse yesterday to officiate at a big meeting for

probably the last time.

The chairman of the York panel of stewards will be expected "to do the decent thing" and tender his resignation as an official after the way he treated two television executives this week.

The York race committee, whose membership includes the Earl of Halifax and the Marquess of Hartington, believes that Jenyus was unfortunably and the committee. givably rude" when he ordered John Fairley, a former shire Television, and Andrew Franklin, producer of Channel 4 racing, to remain standing during a half-hour meeting at the racecourse on Tuesday. He also told Mr Fairley to take his hand out of a pocket.

Brooke Holliday, chairman of the York race committee, has apologised to Mr Fairley and Mr Franklin. Mr Holliday said: "Of course I am concerned. Everybody is concerned about had manners." It is believed that if Mr Jerryns, 52, does not submit his

resignation in the next few days, he will be asked to offer it, according to reliable sources. The country solicitor, known as York's Mr Racing. will also be expected to step down as a steward at Pontefract and Redcar, where he also officiates, ending a stewarding career stretching back to 1979.

The chairmen of stewards panels are appointed by individual racecourses and ap-proved by the lockey Club. The bodies were amious yes-terday not to tread on each others' toes as they worked out how to deal with the issue.

The Jockey Club, which has ultimate responsibility for racing's integrity, is hoping that the York racing commit-tee will resolve the issue of Mr Jenyns's departure. However. it will have to respond to a formal complaint by Mr. Fairley which could lead to them inquiring into whether the official has brought racing

Although there was no shortage of light-hearted banter at York yesterday - with peers and officials rebuking themselves for having hands in their pockets and not standing up properly - Mr Jenyns looked ghun when he arrived at the racecourse, which was once place of public execu-

He barged his way through a phalanx of reporters and photographers, saying: "No comment. I say no comment.

The Jockey Chib issued a statement which read: 'The Senior Steward [Sir Thomas Pilkington) is very concerned about what happened. The chairman of the disciplinary committee, Christopher Hall, is discussing the whole situa-tion with the York race com-mittee, who nominate the chairmen of panels."

Sir Thomas added: "I deplore anything that doesn't do racing any good. It is not a pleasant incident, but I won't say any more until I have received the complaint."

Meanwhile, the Jockey Club announced it was taking steps to ensure that television and radio are able to make the most of their racing coverage. Christopher Foster, executive director, said: "A number of new ideas are being considered which will demonstrate our recognition of the crucial role television plays in marketing our product to the public."



Country squire who has ruffled a few feathers

JOHN Fitzgerald Willenx Jenyns is a man who engenders strong opinions in those

Some residents of his village Huttons Ambo, North Yorkshire, see him as a distant landlord. Much of the hamlet is owned by Mr Jenyns, who moved in more than 20 years ago when he married the squire's daughter Kathleen, vho was known as "Mops". Her father Colonel Lewis Starkey, owned a large estate based on Huttons Ambo Hall.

Geoff Rennie, a North Yorkshire county councillar who lives in the village, said: "He has ruffled a few feathers round here when he might have been smoothing them. His style was a bit abrasive. Perhaps his ways of dealing with people in his professional business are not suitable in

village life.
"He has not got involved in village life; he has been very distant. There was an expectation that he would take over the role of his father-in-law when he died. He was the squire, the village benefactor, but Mr Jenyns did not seem interested. He kept himself very much to himself as far as the village was concerned."

Another villager, who asked not to be named, said: "He is a strict landlord. People get official letters from his agent ordering them to cut their

grass or tidy up their garden. He likes the village to look like a picture book. People do as they are told when the owner of their home tells them."

A local businessman who has had dealings with Mr Jenyns over the years said he was not clubbable. "He is the sort of person who speaks to you on the phone, then when you see him on the street ten minutes later he walks by as if he has never seen vou before."

Mr Jenyns is involved with the country set of North Yorkshire, riding to hounds with two local hunts and fly-fishing. He qualified as a solicitor in 1972. His firm, Hiley's, in Thirsk, is a small high street pecialises in litigation and divorce actions.

Peter Hannam, a partner in the solicitors, where Mr assistant for the past 10 years, said: "It would be unreasonable to expect me to comment about a colleague but put it like this: I don't think I would be able to work with somebody if we were falling out all

Nicholas Brooksbank, a family friend who works in the York offices of Christie's, the auctioneers, said: "He is highly regarded by those who know him. He is absolutely straightforward, a man

Boxer faces civil action after being cleared of assault

By RICHARD DUCE

THE former world champion boxer Nigel Benn was yesterday cleared of wounding a man in a nightclub but was refused defence costs after a judge ruled he had brought the prosecution on himself.

Benn, 33, was acuitted of all criminal charges. But it emerged later that his alleged burke. In my view he did victim, Ray Sullivan, who the boxer once thought of as "like self," the judge said, leaving a brother", plans a civil action the former WBO Middlein an attempt to get compensa. tion for his injuries.

The boxer also faces further £100,000. court action after the Crown Prosecution Service confirmed it was to press a charge that Mr Benn had made threats to: kill his former wife Sharron

Mr Sullivan, known as "Rolex "ay", needed 105 striches in his nose after he was attacked, allegedly with a glass ashtray, in a Mayfair nightchib in September. Mr Benn had told the jury that he had seen a scuffle in the club but both he and a friend had

then left the building.

A jury at Middlesex
Guildhall Crown Court yesterday accepted Mr Benn's defence that Mr Sullivan, also 33, had attempted to frame him. Mr Benn, whose hands were once insured for £10 million, was cleared both of their classmates knowing wounding Mr Sullivan with

down school after drink of alcopop

By PETER FOSTER

intent to cause him grievous bodily harm and a lesser irresponsible" by a judge yes charge of unlawful wounding After jurors cleared Mr Benn he turned to them, bowed and said, "thank you".
Judge Derek Inman refused an application for costs by Mr Hooch and some cider, caused Bern's barrister, Trevor

> Judge Peter Lakin said: "It is grossly irresponsible of the drinks companies to market these drinks and dress up alcohol as soft drinks."

estimated legal bill of up to His remarks at Bolton The court had heard that Mr Benn, from Beckenham, southeast London, refused to answer police questions after he was linked to the attack on Mr. Sullivan, a convicted drugs dealer, at Legends Mr Benn, divorced from his wife and accompanied by his

girlfriend, Caroline Jackson. who he plans to marry this were not effective. summer, said after the case: A recent survey of teenage "It was in the Lord's hands and the jury's and they saw through it."

Mr Benn, who was known as the "Dark Destroyer", said the most important thing to him was knowing that his older children no longer needed to be scared of going to school. They could return to their father was innocent.

weight champion with an

nightciub.



Benn leaving court with Miss Jackson yesterday

Boy burnt

ALCOPOP manufacturers were condemned as "grossly terday after a drunken 14-year-old boy burnt down a school. The teenager, who had been drinking Hooper's damage estimated at about £750,000.

Crown Court come days after the drinks industry watchdog the Portman Group proposed tougher guidelines on making alchohlic drinks appeal to under-18s. A statement issued by Nigel Griffiths, Minister for Consumer Affairs at the Department of Trade and Industry, warned the industry that further action might be taken if the new guidelines

drinkers in Wales showed that more than a quarter of girls aged 15 and 16 drank no alchohol except for lemonade and cola-flavoured drinks.

Bass Breweries, makers of Hooper's Hooch, said last night: Bass takes its promotional responsibilities very seriously and acts in line with the Portman Group code of conduct. However, we must also rely on landlords and offlicenses to adopt a similarly responsible attitude."

The court was told that the boy broke in to Withins School, Bolton, in May last year with three companions and set fire to a poster, starting a blaze that engulfed a large part of the school. He admitted burglary and arson and was given a two-year supervision order.

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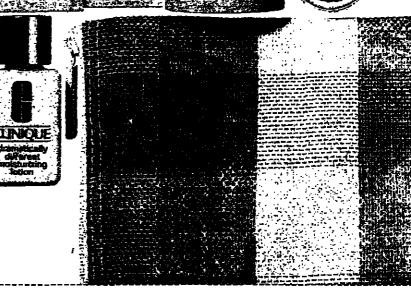
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Clever men in glasses often do make passes, say researchers

By EMMA WILKINS

more likely to have affairs than those who failed to pay attention while at school, researchers say. Those with els are twice as likely to

But for women, being a bluestocking does not affect the likelihood of adulery. instead, having a job which regaires occasional overnight stays away from home is more likely to be the trigger that icads to an affair.

The proportion of people idmitting to adultery, how-

ever, is small. Just 5 per cent of women and 10 per cent of had "overlapped" during the partners. previous five years. Nearly 19,000 people aged

16 to 59 were questioned for university degrees and A jey the survey, which was first published in 1994. The data is commit adultery than those now being re-analysed by with low or no qualifications.

But for women, being a Economic and Social Research Council and some of their findings are published in The Times Higher Educa-tion Supplement today.

The inther research may

be useful for sex educationists. Kaye Wellings, a social scientist who is working on the report, said: There could

be several reasons why men who have degrees are more HIGHLY educated men are men said their sexual partners likely to have several When they are at univer-

sity they are in an environment where there is plenty of opportunity to gain sexual partners. They are also people who are less likely to be in a harry to senie into home and marriage because they have other things to concentrate on. like careers."

Dr Wellings said that monogamy was still the norm: We have a population that is heavily committed to one partner with 80 per cent of sexual infidelity is wrong."

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Sale price vindicates undergraduates who blew year's cash to acquire an early Bacon

Painting bought in 1953 may earn students £700,000

A PAINTING bought by a group of art-loving students for £150 more than 40 years ago is expected to fetch up to £700,000 at auction next

Man in a Chair, a portrait by Francis Bacon, was acquired by undergraduates at Pembroke College, Oxford in 1953, when Bacon was establishing his name. About 150 students each paid El into a kiny to buy pictures for the junior common room art society which was founded in 1947.

The shrewd investment was made after a visit to a Bacon exhibition in the basement of the Beaux Arts Gallery in London's West End. The student buying committee was so impressed that it spent an entire year's acquisition money on the canvas showing an unknown male nude

The picture is to be auctioned in London on June 26 by Sotheby's, which says the £150 price is equivalent to about £5,000 today.

The purchase was not simply an impulse buy by lucky students. They were advised by Sir Kenneth Clark, the former director of the National Gallery who later won

acclaim for the BBC series Civilisation. It was Sir Kenneth who suggested the students see the Bacon show.

The painting hung in the junior common room until 1990 but, with Bacon by now internationally famous, the college could not afford the insurance. It gave the painting to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford for safekeeping.

It is now recognised as a fine example of Bacon's early work which looks forward to similar paintings such as Study for a Portrait and the major series of works based on Pope Innocent X after Velázquez "It was a pretty sharp buy."



Clark: advised students to see the Bacon show

said Elena Geuna, head of Sotheby's European contemporary art department. "It is remarkable that a committee of undergraduates had such a refined eye to acquire this

more than 45 years ago. Bacon's psychological intensity, which made him one of the great British artists of the 20th century, gives this early portrait its tremendous impact," she added.

Richard Jannoo, president of Pembroke junior common room, said the proceeds of the sale would go towards cata-loguing and restoring the remainder of the JCR's big collection, which includes modernist works by Graham Sutherland, John Piper and Victor Pasmore. The committee also hopes to set up bursaries to help less well-off students studying fine art at Oxford. Mr Jannoo said: "Our aim is to continue the work of founders of the collection who wanted to enhance the education of students."

It is not uncommon for the iunior common rooms of Oxford colleges to own large and valuable art collections. In many colleges students rent out pictures for a small fee and hang them in their rooms. In one memorable case a student



at New College was rooting through a cupboard in the early 1980s for a vacuum cleaner. Instead he found a Singer, Sargent watercolour. The painting was dusted off

and exhibited for several years and was sold recently in New York for £60,000.

The sale of the picture comes at the end of two years of often fraught deliberations by the college which is one of the least wealthy in Oxford. In 1995, when students went on a rent strike after a 21 per cent increase, college authorities advised the undergraduates to

sell their painting. Students resisted at the time and are adamant that the proceeds of next month's sale will be spent within the spirit of the art

judge has jail term cut A former Crown Court Re-corder who was jailed for five times over the drink-drive

limit in an accident had his sentence reduced to two months yesterday on appeal The case had devastated the life of John Reeder, 48, a specialist Admiralty Counsel, so his punishment was al-ready "considerable". Mr Justice Butterfield said at Bristol Crown Court. Reeder, from Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Esser, re-signed recently as Recorder. He heard mainly civil cases.

War reunion

The 29,000 men and women who took part in the Falklands War have been invited to a twoday reunion to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the Argentine surrender on June 14. Sir Rex Hunt, former Falklands Governor, is expected to attend the event in Gosport.

Washington gala

Diana, Princess of Wales, is to attend an American Red Cross gala dinner in Washington on June 17 that aims to raise \$500,000 for landmine victims. The Princess's visit to Angola in January focused world attention on the plight of those injured by landmine

Parade banned

Police have told organisers of a loyalist Apprentice Boys, parade planned for Sunday through the mainly national-ist village of Dunloy. Co Antrim, that they will not be allowed to march their chosen route. The organisers are considering their next move.

Sailing blind

One in five recreational sailors seldom or never checks the weather forecast before setting out and more than a quarter do not check tide tables, an RNLI survey found. Lifeboats saved 1,291 lives in 1996, the RNLI chairman announced. Forecast, page 26

Strip search

Footballers with the Scottish second-division team Queen of the South will carry a crime-busting message on the Dumfries and Galloway force won a raffle to be sponsors. Ninety organisations bought £250 tickets.

Mr C E P Colombotti

A City diary item (May 7) wrongly suggested that Carlo Colombotti had bogusty described himself as a count. a title he does not hold and has never claimed. However. he has twice been made Commendatore by the Italian republic, for services to charity. We apologise for any embarrassment caused to Mr Colombotti.

Talking computer develops attitude

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT tions on up to 60 topics from

COMPUTER that can converse on current affairs or gossip about life with the panache of Jeremy Paxman or Coronation Street's Vera Duckworth has been developed by British researchers.
They believe the system

could eventually replace marriage guidance counsellors and staff at Citizens Advice Bureaux. It could also supplant the dog or the cat as a

tions are text or message based but it is hoped to add synthesised voice sounds. The system, called Converse, has been developed by a team at Sheffield University and Intelligent Research, of northwest London, David Levy, of Intelligent Research, said it could be programmed to have an "aggressive, teenage person-ality" or that of a "middleaged, male aristocrat". He Converse was pro-

grammed to hold conversa-

President Clinton to food. music and films. The computers ability to

mimic a human is so acute that it managed to fool five judges in an international competition held in New York. They thought they were "talk-ing" to a person while discussing the recent visit of the actress Ellen DeGeneres to the White House . -

Converse won the Loebner Prize, organised by the Cambridge Centre for Behavioural Studies in America. The prize is given to a computer that can pass the Turing Test, in which conversations are held via a computer terminal. Judges have to guess whether they are talking to a human being or to a machine. One judge asked: "Have you seen the movie Mars Attacks?"

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Why is killer still free, ask family of M25 murder victim

By Adrian Lee and Stewart Tendler

THE family of Stephen Cameron, who died in the arms of his fiancée after being stabbed beside the M25, are preparing this weekend for the first anniversary of his death. For them the pain of bereavement is intensified by the knowledge that the murderer is still free.

Within days of Mr Cameron's death the police were treating Kenneth Noye, the Brink's-Mat gold launderer who is a major underworld ligure, as a prime suspect. Since then no trace has been found of Noye, 49, the murder weapon or the Land Rover Discovery driven by the killer. A Discovery registered to Anthony Francis, an alias used

by Noye, has not been found. Noye's description has been circulated throughout Britain and by interpol abroad. But, except for rumours of him living in Tenerife, Florida, northern Cyprus and Russia, there have been no leads.

Mr Cameron's parents said yesterday that they would not find peace until the killer of their 21-year-old son had been caught. "We have laid Stephen to rest but we can't really grieve until we have had justice," said his mother, Toni. "I am dreading the anniversa-

ry. This time last year we were all so happy: Stephen had the world at his feet. I feel angry and helpless and, of course, we are frustrated by the lack of

Mrs Cameron and her husband, Ken . married for 23 Kenneth Noye by name. He is simply "the man". They are puzzled why he has not come

forward to clear his name. The attack happened on the morning of Sunday, 1.1ay 19, when Mr Cameron was being driven by his fiancee, Danielle Cable, to buy bagels. The Discovery cut in front of them and Mr Cameron shook his last time Noye saw the inside

head at the driver, then got out of a British court was 1986 of his van at traffic lights. There was an argument, a scuffle and Mr Cameron was fatally stabbed. Withered flowers and a crude metal cross mark where he fell.

Miss Cable, now 18, wears his ring and lives with Mr Cameron's parents in Swan-ley, Kent, half a mile from the murder scene. She posed for photographs yesterday, but could not smile.

"I can't say she is happy," Mrs Cameron, 50, a theatre nurse, said. "She goes out to nightslubs and discos but



Stephen Cameron: died in arms of fiancée

there is still a lot locked away. We would like her to start a new relationship and get married and have children. I cannot say that wouldn't hurt, but we don't want to be

The couple make the effort to go out and have been on holiday to Florida with their elder son, Michael, but find little joy: Mr Cameron said: "We are just seeing out the rest of our lives. I find it very

difficult to get enthusiastic. "But, one day, we will be staring across a court looking at him." The prime suspect for "him" is Kenneth Noye. The

when he was jailed for 14 years for laundering gold from the £26 million Brink's-Mat robbery. He settled with the loss adjusters for £3 million. Police believe that he still has a large amount of money at his

disposal. Born in 1947, the son of a post office manager in Bexleyheath, southeast London, he began his criminal career stealing cars and was sent to Borstal in his teens. Later he had a car sales and

haulage business. In the Seventies and Eighties he was a gold smuggler. While under police observa-tion in 1984 he fatally stabbed an undercover officer at his home in West Kingsdown, Kent. He was acquitted of murder when a jury accepted that he had acted in self-

After serving his Brink's-Mat sentence Noye returned to his family home, but today his wife. Brenda, says she has no idea of his whereabouts. The south London underworld believes that he is on an island off northern Cyprus, which does not have an extradition treaty with Britain.

Noye also has powerful friends in Tenerife and Portugal. Another possible hiding place is Florida, one of his favourite holiday locations. At one stage he may have flown to Moscow and St Petersburg where he had explored business interests.

Kent police have not issued any arrest warrants in connection with Mr Cameron's death because they have insufficient evidence. His father, manager of a cleaning firm, does not criticise the detectives: "They are doing their best, but I did think we would have seen some sort of result by now. I hate the thought of dying without justice for Stephen."



Toni and Ken Cameron have encouraged Stephen's fiancée. Danielle Cable, to build a new life, but they are drawn together by their grief

Suspect Noye left life of luxury behind

WHEN Kenneth Noye vanished after the murder of Stephen Cameron, he left behind his wife, Brenda, and two grown-up sons. Kevin, and Brett. In spite of his sudden disappearance he left the family well provided for and Mrs Noye continues the luxury life she enjoyed while they were together.

Last month she sold her squash club, Racquets Sport and Leisure, at Dartford, Kent, for £140,000. Noye, a fitness fanatic, had bought it for her 15 years ago.

Instead of investing the immediately ordered a £65,000 Mercedes to replace her silver M-registration model. Paul Finn. 27, a

former barman at the club. who bought the business from her, said: "She used to take an active part in running the place but when her husband disappeared she lost interest. I think she just wanted to retire. She does not appear to be the least bit short of money."

Mrs Noye and her two sons live in a £300,000 detached house at Riverhead, near Sevenoaks, which Mrs Noye bought while her husband was serving 14 years for handling Brink's-Mat gold. The family moved there in 1988 to begin a "new life", anxious to leave the house in West Kingsdown where Noye stabbed an undercover police-



Noye: left family well provided for

defence was accepted and he was acquitted of murder. Mrs Noye. 46, has told police she has no idea where lives." Kevin. 22. a property dealer, and Brett. 20. a City dealer, also say they have not had any contact with their father. In the past she has dismissed talk of divorcing her husband of 26 years and has protested his innocence. One acquaintance, who de-

clined to be named, said: "Brenda is very cut up about Kenny disappearing and all the publicity it has attracted. She looks like she has the world on her shoulders a lot of the time. Although she's a hard woman, she gets depressed by it all. But her sons are very protective and she has a wide circle of friends. She spends her time shopping and socialising and is learn-

as a tecnager when she was a secretary in a harrister's chambers. The daughter of an ultrasonic engineer and a computer worker from Erith. she impressed him with her blond good looks and furthright personality. Six years later they married and settled Noye soon became a successful businessman with a variety of interests in cars and property and the couple en-joyed a millionaire lifestyle.

When Nove disappeared, he was still living with his wife although he had a string of mistresses. According to friends, Mrs Noye turned a blind eye to her husband's infidelities and remained the

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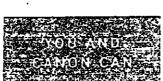
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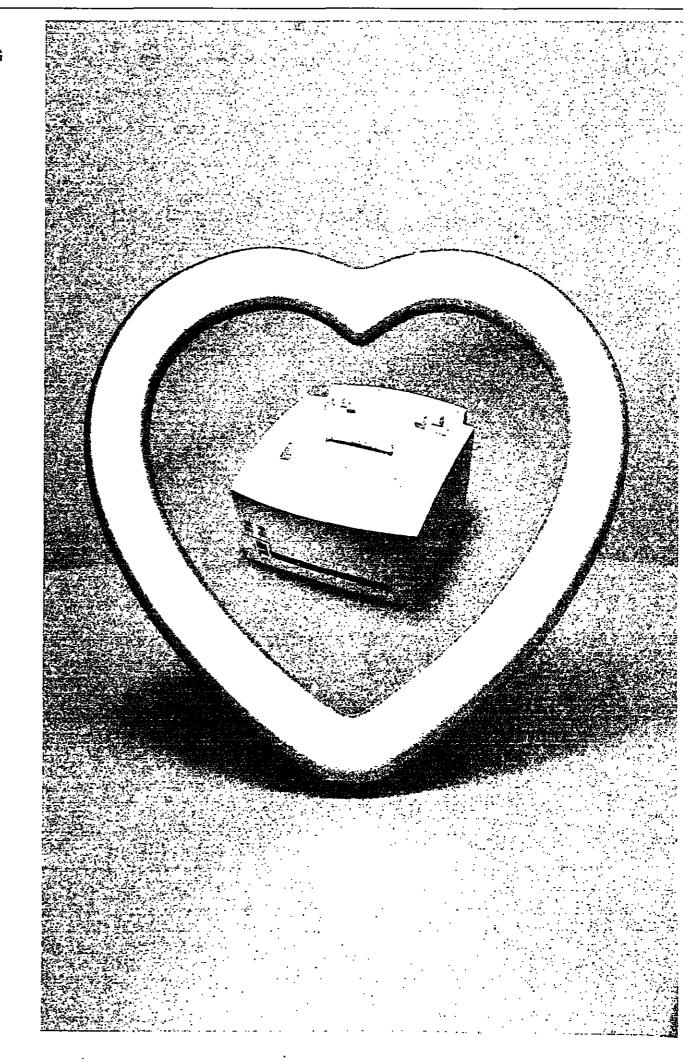
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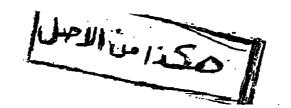
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Past is catching up with the Sixties drug generation

THEY dabbled in drugs in the Sixties and Seventies, then left their rebellious years behind in favour of respectable and prosperous careers. But the mistakes of youth are suddenly coming back to haunt some unexpected victims, the latest

death figures revealed yesterday.

The use of heroin decades ago has heen leading to a sharp rise in deaths from liver disease. Middle-aged businessmen and lawyers are attending clinics suffering the effects of hepatitis C caught from a shared needle in experimental days.

Glen Owen reports on a rise in middle-aged businessmen falling victim to liver disease Details of death registrations collected by the Office for National

Statistics show that liver-disease mortality has risen steeply for both sexes. Between 1981 and 1995, deaths from cirrhosis and other liver problems climbed by 69 per cent for men and 36 per cent for women.

The problems claim the lives of more than 3,500 people in England and Wales annually but the British Liver Trust said that alchohol was

no longer the main culprit. A spokeswoman said: "It is being superseded by viral hepatitis, which now accounts for the bulk of

referrals to liver units. "It can take up to 20 years to cause serious liver damage. We know that one of the main causes of hepatitis C is infection from the dirty needles swapped between drug users, so people who dabbled in the 1960s and 1970s are now being affected. Those who succumb are often businessmen and lawyers in their 40s or 50s."

The trust says that more than 400,000 people are affected by hepatitis C in Britain. With the average person having a one in ten chance of developing a liver or gall bladder problem during a lifetime. it is campaigning for more resources. The spokeswoman said: "We are expecting far more cases in

the coming years but the existing treatments are inadequate. Many patients require transplants but the supply of livers for transplant falls

far short of demand." Trevor Skingle, from Mainliners, a support group for former and current intravenous drug users. was sceptical: "Only a tiny fraction of hepatitis cases are associated with drug use. Out of around 500 million cases worldwide, no more than shared needles. Most hepatitis cases are the result of transfusions. The profile of the problem is higher among injectors because they are more aware of it."

Other figures released by the Office for National Statistics show that death rates fell by 21 per cent for men and 18 per cent for women from 1981 to 1995. Cancer claimed the most victims, with 24 per cent of the total, while coronary disease took 23 per cent. Deaths from breast cancer

Death of man, 26. blamed on milk addiction

By OUR MEDICAL

ADDICTION to full-cream milk was blamed yesterday for the death of a 26-year-old van driver who downed up to five pints a day for 12 years.

A post-mortem examination disclosed that Richard Goymer, who was 14 when he became a "milkoholic", died of a heart attack when his arteries became clogged with fatty deposits.

Mr Goymer died at the home of his girlfriend at Stowmarket, Suffolk, His mother, Kate Evans, 64, said yesterday: "He ate normal food like any other young man. The only exceptional thing about his diet was his love of milk.

From the age of 14 he just could not get enough. I would have four pints a day delivered for the four of us and Richard would often make me angry by drinking most of it so I would have to buy more. He carried on drinking a huge amount of it as he got older but I never imagined it was doing him any harm.

"I was brought up to think that milk was extremely healthy. I never used to worry if he was just having cereal for lunch because I thought the milk was doing him good."
Mrs Evans, a retired auxil-

iary nurse, said her son started complaining about constant headaches a year ago. He often asked for paracetomol but refused to see a doctor. She now believes that the headaches were a symptom of high-blood pressure caused by his heart problems.

"The pathologist told us that he had the heart of a man who was much older," she said. "He said the heart attack could have been caused by a combination of too much fatty food, lack of exercise, smoking and drinking. But Richard only drank alcohol moderately and smoked only about ten

hand-rolled cigarettes a day." Professor Brian Wharton, of the British Nutrition Foundation, said: "Milk should be part of a good mixed diet but never in this quantity. We think a daily pinta is probably a bit too much these days. Moderation is important.

Three per cent of patients become infected in hospital

BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

UP TO 60,000 non-surgical infections in hospital, with mothers in maternity wards most at risk.

Almost three out of each hundred people admitted become infected and at any time 10 per cent of patients are being treated for blood poisoning pneumonia or urinary tract disorders on top of the illness for which they were admitted.

A study of hospital-acquired infection found that in even the best-run wards, handwashing was often ignored by doctors and nurses, medical note-taking was sloppy and the risk of cross-infection was seven times higher among patients with catheters or similar devices.

The £1.2 million year-long Public Health Laboratory Service study was carried out at nineteen 500-bed hospitals in England and Wales handling \$1,000 admissions. Each hospital had a full-time specialist nurse to collect data and ensure that similar methods were used in analysing them.

In one hospital, three quarters of mothers were fitted with a catheter. In another,

the figure was one in five. The high proportion of maternity cases treated in this way explained why four times as many patients became infected as those treated for medical

or orthopaedic conditions. In intensive care units, one putient in five caught at least one infection. The fact that all had catheters or other intrusive devices fitted meant they were more at risk.

Collecting accurate data was complicated by poor medical notes, often no better than aides-mémoire for consultants and not showing when treatment began. At one hospital almost half the cases of infection were misdiagnosed. In most hospitals the note-taking of work performed in operating theatres was worse than notes made on the wards.

Some hospitals had no policy about preventing infection and policies were not always followed at those that did. For many procedures, nurses and doctors ignored rules to wash their hands before touching the patient but cleaned themselves carefully afterwards.

Peter Bonniello, director of the Central Public Health Laboratory, said: "A single

piece of paper saying wash your hands is all that is needed but the degree to which this advice is followed hasn't changed down the years. You adhere to policies only if you are fearful of being caught out. They have to be policed." The laboratory is drawing up guidelines for hospitals and is trying to start a system of collecting data that

will work nationwide. ☐ Thousands of seriously ill patients have their lives put at risk because they have to be transferred to intensive care units in under-equipped ambulances crewed by inade-

quately trained junior doctors. More than 11,000 critically ill patients were transferred in 1994, almost half of them because of a shortage of intensive care beds, according to a survey published today in the British Medical Journal.

Doctors at the Glasgow Western Infirmary carried out a postal survey of 278 intensive care units and found that 41 per cent of their colleagues felt that transfer arrangements were not adequate, with 10 per cent deciding against a transfer because of poor transport



Tessa Jowell, the Minister for Public Health, at the Royal College of Midwives annual conference yesterday

Midwives attack forced

By IAN MURRAY

MIDWIVES have condemned the use of mental health legislation to force some women to have Caesarean deliveries. Their annual conference passed a resolution unanimously yesterday. calling on the Government to

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clarify the law to ensure that women retained control over what happened to them, and to issue guidelines to protect midwives' professional integrity.

Caroline Flint, the outgoing president of the Royal College of Midwives, said there had been eight cases of legally enforced Caesareans since 1992 and in seven cases the woman was not legally represented. "This puts midwives in an agonising and dreadful situation," she said.

Gill Halksworth-Smith, a council member, said: "Courtordered Caesareans infringe basic rights. If we are to

believe and accept the suggestion that our brains shrink when pregnant does this really mean we are mentally incompetent to make decisions in labour?"

Jennifer Hall, another council member, said: "We urgently need guidelines and support mechanisms." Alison Jeanneret, a Portsmouth delegate, added: "I am committed to informed choice but it does throw up many practical and philosophical problems. While I am appalled at the use of mental health legislation, I am also the baby's

Tessa Jowell, the new Min-

wards," she added. "We are firmly committed to making breastfeeding a priority and we will be talking to midwives about how to get it higher up

ister for Public Health, told

the Harrogate conference that

the Government intended to

look into the effects of pover-

ty, unemployment, smoking

and breast feeding on perina-tal morbidity and mortality

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Prehistoric creature labelled as a thief was clever and caring, Natural History Museum shows

Brainy dinosaur shatters a fossilised reputation

DINOSAURS were stupid. vicious or both, according to popular belief. Now evidence is to go on show of a clever and caring member of the scaly

Oviraptor had suffered as had a reputation as the rest: its name means egg-stealer. It was long believed to be a scavenger that fed on the offspring of other dinosaurs because its fossils were often found near eggs believed to belong to another species. protoceratops.

An expedition in the Gobi Desert led by an American naturalist transformed understanding of oviraptor. Dr Michael Novacek, of the American Museum of Natural History, uncovered a fossilised skeleton showing an oviraptor incubating its own eggs, wrapping its limbs around them to keep them

Far from being an eggstealer, oviraptor was a caring



A clutch of dinosaur eggs in the summer exhibition

parent as devoted to its young as a modern bird. Now Rinchen Barsbold, Director of the Geological Institute of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences, says it also had a brain proportionately much greater than any other dinosaur's.

The finely preserved Oviraptor skeleton will go on show at the Natural History Museum. London, on Sunday with examples of its eggs. They form part of the museum's summer exhibition, Dinosaurs of the Gobi Desert. Most come from the collection the institute Ulaanbaatarwhich Barsbold directs.

He believes that oviraptor was as intelligent as a modern bird of prey, such as an eagle. He is also convinced that unlike many other dinosaurs it was warm-blooded, and that its anatomy and behaviour link it directly to modern

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gives us the basis for believing that oviraptor was warm-blooded and incubated its direct evidence of that but the indirect evidence is strong."

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The Gobi Desert has proved a treasure house for dinosaur fossils since the 1920s. Many died in sandstorms and the exhibition includes one trying to protect itself against the sand by cradling its head between its legs. A great variety of dinosaur eggs is on show, including 22 types found in Mongolia Many of the dinosaurs in

the exhibition, which runs until the end of August, are ancestors of those later found in North America. They in-clude the formidable tarbosaurus ("alarming lizard"), a relative of tyrannosaurus rex that weighed two to three tonnes and had a jaw more than 4ft long. Its brain, how ever, was no larger than that of a much smaller species of oviraptor, weighing 40-50 kg.

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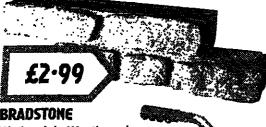
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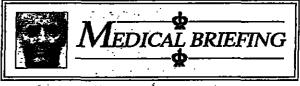
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HOW often will a deteriorating memory in an older patient lead to dementia? Losing spectacles, forgetting names, even missing appointments are all part of the normal ageing process, nothing more than forgetfulness.

Unfortunately, increasingly severe memory loss is also usually the first sign of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia and therefore causes anxiety in patients and their families.

The Lancet recently reported on a four-year study of 21 people unaffected by age except for severe memory loss. Their progress was compared to other patients of similar background who had signs of intellectual impairment and tion could not be described as dementia or severe memory loss. The downhill progress of those with severe memory loss as an isolated symptom was faster and more likely to lead to dementia than was the case in the control group who had more varied but less

severe symptoms. Within four years half the patients who had seemed to be well-orientated except for their marked loss of memory had shown classic signs of dementia. Patients with established Alzheimer's suffer from not only a bad memory but may also be disorientated pearance and cease to behave

demanding, others compliant Those patients who were originally seen by the doctors because of a mixed bag of prowess fared better. Only 18 per cent have become obviously demented.

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Severe memory loss is different from forgetfulness: it is only a matter of degree, and one may lead to the other, but talking to a patient. The other reassuring fact is that, with the recently introduced treatment of early Alzheimer's with drugs such as Aricept, it is likely that memory loss will increasingly be amenable to

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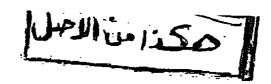
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£57m from Heritage Lottery Fund will reverse decline of past 20 years

Public parks to regain their lost splendour

THE people's gardens of Victorian and Edwardian England are to regain a splendour many lost in the past 20 years. Yesterday the Heritage Lottery Fund launched a £57 million grant programme in response to public concern about the state of the nation's urban parks.

The money will go to revive 48 neglected or run-down parks in spas towns, industrial cities and county towns. Among the biggest beneficiaries are seaside resorts where promenade gardens were laid out for the entertainment of visitors who arrived by rail on 13-coach excursion specials during the Twenties and Thirties. Vandalised Victorian cemeteries will also benefit.

Hazel Conway, a member of the grant panel, said the decline began with the removal of park railings in the Second World War as raw material for the war effort and accelerated in the 1970s when parks departments were merged with leisure services. "Parks' budgets were the first to be cut. Then came the disappearance of the park keeper, as a result of Compulsory Competitive Tendering and the use of outside contractors. As maintenance declined, the vandals, winos and druggies moved in and ordinary people

no longer felt safe." Dr Conway continued: "Civic nurseries were closed and glass houses which supplied flowers for civic occasions were demolished or abandoned. Training schemes for young gardeners were cut. In gardening, modernism meant an abhorrence of ornament and elaborate Victorian flower beds were replaced by grass." The Heritage Lottery Fund is to contribute towards the

cost of ten park keepers who will live on site. In the 19th century, park keepers had the rein on their domain. From 1846 they were sworn in as special constables. Offences

were often of a trivial nature: in Alexandra Park in Hastings, park keepers were in-structed to control "skipping, leap-frogging and walking on the grass edging". Other parks prohibited shooting, dancing, games of any kind, dog-washing in the lakes and beating carpets.

Speaking at the pro-gramme's launch in Setion Park, Liverpool, Lord Rothschild, the fund's chairman, said: "Our policy has been to concentrate on bringing back care, peace and security to parks. We have issued a challenge to the new Government to accept parks as a national responsibility. Free access to well-maintained parks should again become part of the birthright of the

people of this country." The Public Parks Movement began in the early 19th century in the industrial towns of the North. Liverpool's Birkenhead Park, laid out by Sir Joseph Paxton from 1843 to 1847, inspired New York's Central Park. The 1875 Public Health Act allowed councils to buy and maintain parks. Before that each new park had required an Act of Parliament.

Clacton-on-Sea's promenade gardens. Venetian footbridge and model boating pond are to be renovated with a E416,000 grant from the fund. At Buxton Spa in Derbyshire, a £3.3 million grant will fund work on lakes, bridges and buildings. In London £1 million will go towards the restoration of Emslie Hornman Park in North Kensington, designed by the Arts and Crafts architect C. F. A. Voysey. In Liverpool, a grant will fund the restoration of the Palm House. In Sunderland's Mowbrev Park, £2.79 million will go towards the replacement of missing railings, the of a cast-iron bridge.

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Grant gives promise of new life for seafront sanctuary that time forgot

not the most elegant of vistas, yet between Lee's Tattoo and Body Piercing Studio and Tubby Isaacs' Whelk Stall lies a haven preserved from a more genteel age of holidaymaking.
Since the turn of the century

the memorial gardens, to be renovated with a £416,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, have been a retreat where old men in flat caps rest weary legs and where daytrippers scoff fish and chips in shelters unchanged from the Edwardian era.

The style and choice of planting, with roses, pansies and wallflowers in geometrical beds, might be most kindly described as municipal, but planning officials in the Essex town know of no other scafront garden that has survived so long with so little change. "We found we were in possession of a little gem," Roger Stewart, director of planning for Tendring District Council, said.

Some updating is planned, imposing corners of the garden, which runs in a



An Edwardian family enjoys the pleasures of a park

difftop overlooking Clacton Pier, will become a Mediterranean garden, a nod towards the increasing incidence of drought. There will also be a sensory garden, with heavily scented plants and braille signposting for the blind.

The boating pond has long been disused and presents a sad picture but will be re-Venetian-style footbridge, which links the garden to quarter-mile strip along the what planners refer to as "the

leisure area" takeaways and amusement arcades - will be renovated. Thomas Cromwell, a lottery

fund official, said: "Work will begin at the end of the season so the public can enjoy the full benefit next year." That the gardens are there

at all is a fair stroke of luck. During the Second World was regarded as a prime invasion site and its shore bristled with pillboxes. gun emplacements and antiescaped with no more than an infestation of barbed wire.

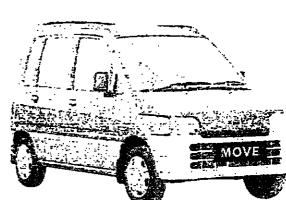
The town was the creation of Peter Bruff, a railway entrepreneur who extended the line from Colchester to what was an empty coastline. He built the pier and Royal Hotel, bought the land for the gardens - although it was kept open greensward for years - and by 1871 the place was up and running.

The following year The Times took a generous view of the resort: "Being an entirely new creation, none of the evils inseparable from old watering-places will be allowed to exist in it."

Today about 2.5 million people a year visit the seafront. Since Butlins decamped 15 years ago, the resort has been trying to give itself fresh appeal. New parking lots have been built for the daytrippers' coaches and the privately owned pier is undergoing a slow restoration

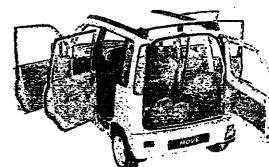
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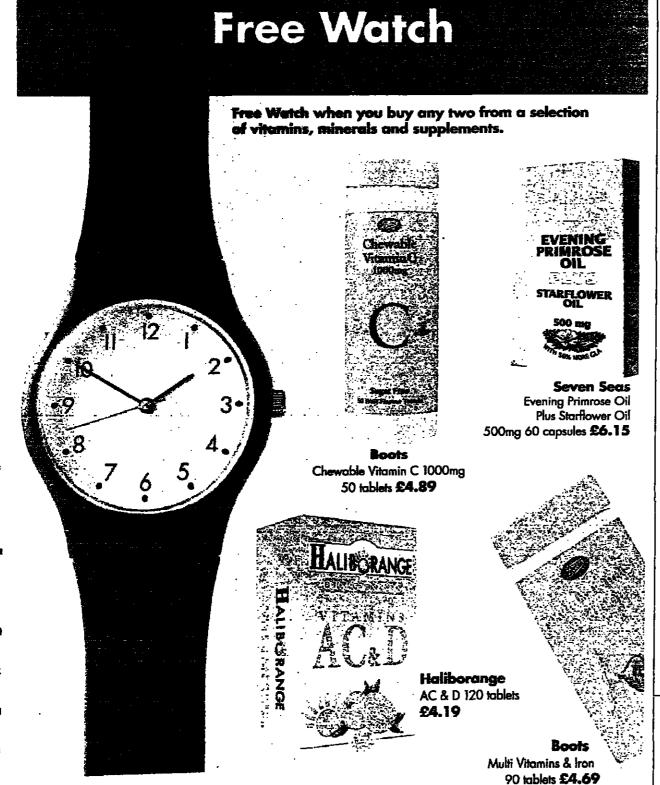
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Disciples of Deng flock to Chinese boom town

From James Pringle in shenzhen

JUST above the main station square in the boom city of Shenzhen on the China-Hong Kong border, the Union Jack flies above a British observa-tion post, where soldiers of the First Regiment the Black Watch peer into China. They will be there until sunset on June 30, when the flag will be lowered for the last time. "We're used to them," said

one Shenzhen resident. "After all, they've been there for 150

The observation post was there long before this city of three million, which was just a poor fishing and farming village before 1980 and the free market reforms of the late Deng Xiaoping, who established Shenzhen as a special economic zone with tax breaks and cheap labour.

Buffalo in the rice-paddies and farmers plodding behind wooden ploughs have been replaced by BMWs and smartly dressed young women with

mobile phones. When I first crossed the bridge into China in 1971, as the sole traveller over the border river at Lowu. there was only one Chinese soldier on guard. He stood beside a poster that read: "Down with the US imperialists and all their running dogs." Now, one crosses the same bridge with hundreds of Hong Kong Chinese, and Chinese soldiers stand aside, out of the rush. The main poster is of the Marlboro

Some people from Hong Kong carry briefcases on their way to visit joint-venture factories, others hump goli bags and yet more have gifts bought in the Hong Kong duty-free shops at Lowu for their "second wives" here. Most Chinese, unless they have "connections", cannot enter Hong Kong.
Deng's mantra, "to get rich

is glorious", has been replaced by President Jiang Zemin's



Soldiers of the First Regiment the Black Watch, on duty at Hong Kong's border with China, check vehicles crossing into high-rise Shenzhen

'spiritual civilisation" and the reimposition of socialist ethics, leading some to forecast the end of Shenzhen's boom times. Some Hong Kong business-men, whose ranks have contributed 65 per cent of the \$10 billion that have been invested here over the past 17 years, say that wages in Shenzhen are already too high, and have moved deeper into China in pursuit of cheaper labour.

This week, city officials admitted that investment was down in the first four months of 1997. "Pay, land rents and corruption are making Shenzhen more expensive," said one businessmen at the bar of a four-star hotel where elegant prostitutes solicited guests. Li Youwei, a Communist

Party secretary, told visiting correspondents that, with the return of Hong Kong at the end of next month, Shenzhen's financial services sector will develop quickly because it will draw on Hong Kong's

There seems to be a vitality to the city that Hong Kong lacks. Mandarin-speaking residents of Shenzhen come from all over China hoping to

get rich. In the past couple of years, Shenzhen is taking on a character of its own.

"I like it here," said Irene Tsui from Hangzhou, near Shanghai, who is a secretary in a joint-venture company. *Everyone from all over China is thrown together and we

make the best of it. Opportunities are there for the taking."
Deng is still worshipped in Shenzhen and his picture. looking down on the jewel of his reforms like a benign grandfather, is placed on a

giant billboard at a busy

intersection. A spade that

Deng used to plant a tree is on display in the museum with the words: The central Government has no money but you can get it by yourselves." Crime is a problem in Shenzhen. Schoolchildren were

be taking from it." Such are the temptations o Shenzhen that a Chinese army unit, the Sixth Spiritually Civilised Company of the Shenzhen SAR", has been lauded for spurning mam-monism, hedonism and extreme individualism", according to a citation approved by

poster to watch drug traffic ers being paraded in front them before being led aw. and shot. The children cham and paid little attention. Abo

100 people were executed Shenzhen last year. Hero and Ecstasy are available bars, discos and nightclubs.

Child beggars and pros tutes line city-centre streets scenes reminiscent of Shan hai in the 1930s. Recent 2,000 prostitutes and beggai

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Shenzhen. At the Kaiyu Flander Imperial Beer Centra about 100 girls line the er

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Hong Kong. Foreign res dents speak of a cultural and

spiritual vacuum. There i

just nothing beyond money appliances, flashy cars and Western TV," said one

People don't know what is

right and wrong in Western

culture, and what they should

brought recently to an amphitheatre beside the Deng

Beijing eases curbs on colony but proposes catch-all law

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG -

CHINA'S shadow government for Hong Kong yesterday relaxed curbs on public demonstrations and rights of political parties after it takes over power on July L.

However, the Beijing-ap-pointed Provisional Legislative Council introduced a concept of "national security" as the benchmark for ap-Patten, the colony's last Govimmediately condemned the proposal.

In London the British Government, while welcoming the decision by Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's Chief Executive-designate, to ease curbs on political activity, said it remained "concerned". at elements of his amendments to the Public Order Ordinances. It said that while some of the changes took some account of the anxieties. they still did not fully meet-concerns of the people and were a step backwards. "It is important that the people of Hong Kong are confident that the basic rights and freedoms

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promised them in the Joint Declaration are not threatened," the Foreign Office said. In yesterday's announceplanning to stage demonstrations need no longer apply for police permission at least a week in advance. Now, protesters are "deemed" to have permission to proceed if there is no response from police. As for political organisations, can now accept donations from foreign individ-uals originally this was to be forbidden. But foreign organ-isations cannot give funds although Chinese groups may, including the Chinese

Communist Party. The new bugbear, bowever, is the concept of "national security". The 60-member council is to meet from Saturday to start legislating the

new security law, defined as safeguarding of the territorial integrity and the indepen-dence of the People's Republic of China". This law will be used by police to ban a political party from registering after July 1 or to control protests. The protocol to help police apply the law will be supplied eventually, but no official of Mr Tung could say

Dr Yeung Sum, deputy pairman of the Democratic Party, said: "This will give the police a big headache. How can they decide before or during a demonstration if something contravenes national security? What if some-one suddenly shouts Independence for Tibet?"

Michael Suen, one of Mr Patten's senior police officials seconded to Mr Tung's office as co-ordinating secretary, said: "If the police arrest someone for violating the national security, it will be decided in the courts."

In his "personal opinion", he said that if someone shouted "Down with [Chinese] President Jiang Zemin", that "will not be an offence".

Murdoch welcomes digital age in China

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT

RUPERT MURDOCH yesterday praised China for embracing the digital information age, and admitted he had been wrong to doubt the country's enthusiasm for new informascend national borders.

"The Chinese leadership has proved the sceptics, including myself, wrong by not shunning the new information technologies but actively encouraging their use," said Mr Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of The Times. The Chinese Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, he said, was "actively working to improve Internet access.

Four years ago, Mr Murdoch spoke of how advances in the technology of telecommunications "have proved an unambiguous threat to totalitarian regimes everywhere". Yesterday in Tokyo he revised that view before the thirtyfirst world congress of the International Federation of the Periodical Press.

"China has embraced the Internet, the information superhighway and the digital age as a means of strengthening its culture and spreading economic development." he said in a keynote speech on mass communications in the 21st century. Indeed, China was more advanced in certain applications of digital rechnologies than many developed Western nations. Mr Murdoch cited the use

of satellite television by China's national broadcaster. CCTV, to reach remote communities, and the Ministry of Health's use of digital satellite technology to provide tele-medicine. The official People's Daily, in partnership with The News Corporation, had established itself as a world leader in Chinese-language web technology, he noted.

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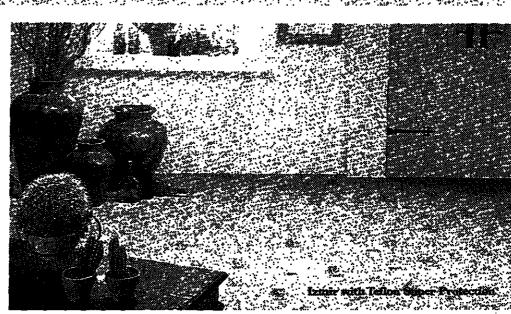
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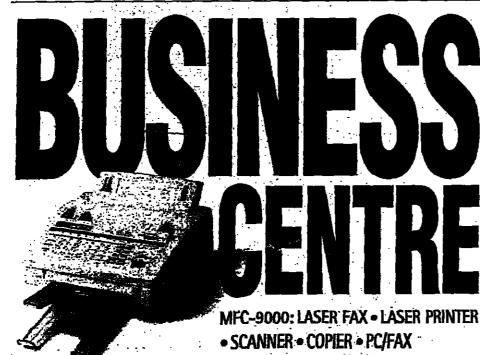
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Michael Foale leaves crew quarters for the launching pad at Cape Canaveral

Shuttle blasts off for Mir link-up

By Anjana Ahuja and Our Foreign Staff

HE space shuttle Atlantis, ading for a rendezvous with the Russian space station Mir, ited off from Cape Canaveral ı Florida in a brilliant blast of ght and smoke yesterday. The \$2 billion (£1.2 billion) susable spaceship carried a eritable United Nations on oard. As well as the British-

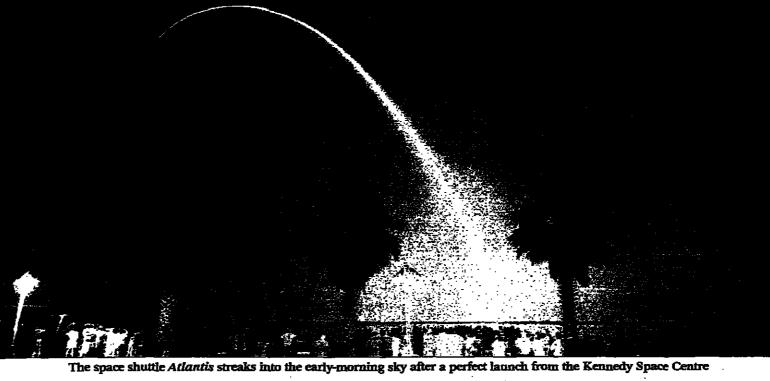
orn astronaut Michael Foale,

Frenchman, an American of Chinese descent, and a Rus-

"We're on our way," Charles Precourt, the shuttle commander, exclaimed in Russian moments after the shuttle leapt off its launch pad. His words echoed those used by Yuri Gagarin at his historic blast-off in 1961. Daniel

helicopter pilot born in Peru, a Goldin, the Nasa administrator, and Russian space officials toasted the spectacular blast-off with vodka.

Atlantis completed its fiery climb to orbit in less than nine minutes. The shuttle's bright engines were still visible to observers at the launch site when it was more than 480



above the Indian Ocean west of Australia when the shuttle blasted off and its crew was unable to see the launch. But Vasili Tsibliev, Mir's Russian commander, reported seeing the shuttle's brightly lit launch pad through binoculars as the station later passed overhead. Atlantis will dock with Mir early tomorrow and will

remain docked for up to six

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days. Dr Foale, a former Cambridge University astro-physicist, will swap places with Jerry Linenger, who will have been marooned on Mir for 132 days.

The mission is regarded as a crucial one. An oxygen genera-tor on Mir caught fire in February, and several systems have not been operating as they should. There is only a

two-month supply of drinking water left. Normally, astronauts would be able to drink recycled atmospheric condensation, but a contaminant has leaked into the atmosphere

from coolant loops. For this reason, Atlantis is ferrying a record 3,700lb cargo to the ailing Russian outpost, including water, a new oxygen generator, and repair kits for

Mir's cooling system. In re-turn, Atlantis will remove engineering. It spent hardware, several science experiments and the large carcass of the failed

oxygen generator.

Despite the problems, science will remain a top priority. Dr Foale has plans for more than 30 experiments in fields as diverse as crystal growth, human life sciences, Earth

engineering.It is the sixth docking of a space shuttle with astronauts are expected to be assigned a schedule of 40-hour weeks and will enjoy free weekends, eight annual holi-days and a family get-together via satellite every Sunday.

Chirac gets warm welcome from grateful Beijing

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

CHINA rolled out the red carpet to welcome President Chirac yesterday as he arrived in Beijing for a controversial four-day state visit during he intends to build a comprehensive partnership with China. His trip coincided with the

signing of a \$1.8 billion (£1.1 billion) Airbus deal to supply 30 aircraft to Chinese airlines. President Jiang Zemin warmly greeted M Chirac and

praised him for opposing moves to censure China for its human rights abuses.

M Chirac's visit, the first official visit by a French

President in 14 years, comes just weeks after Paris refused to back a United Nations resolution condemning China. France argued that it frontation" and that amicable discussion with the Chinese is a more effective way of promoting human rights. Yesterday Mr Jiang wel-

comed the French stance as a wise decision". The Chinese leader broached the delicate subject during a private meeting with M Chirac.

The two leaders will meet again today and are due to sign a joint political declaration, the aim of which is to establish "a comprehensive partnership" between the two

countries. Hervé de Charette. the French Foreign Minister accompanying M Chirac, is due to raise individual human rights cases today.

Yesterday, in almost two hours of talks, M Chirac and Mr Jiang appeared to find common ground on their perpower role. "Both sides ... are opposed to any attempt to fairs]," a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said in a

criticism of Washington. France, however, is unhappy that improved relations have not translated into economic advantages for French industry in Asia's largest marketplace "France does not here," M Chirac told French businessmen at the French Ambassador's residence. This is a situation he said he itended to rectify.

M Chirac's visit, however, under attack from Gienys Kinnock, the Labour Euro MP. Recalling the killing of pro-democracy supporters in Tiananmen Square, she said: "Chirac's trip will ruin the efforts of everyone who has worked to defend human rights in China."

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Brussels urges early launch for the euro

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE euro should replace national coins and notes several months earlier than the official launch date of January 1, 2002, the EU Commissioner for monetary affairs proposed

yesterday. Yves Thibaulf de Silguy was responding to pressure from retailers and the business world to circulate the notes and come of the European single currency ahead of the busy Christmas shopping per-iod of December 2001. Personally I am in favour of circulating them in the au-tumn of 2001." M de Silguy said. There was also a growing consensus. he said, for shortening the six-month per-iod assigned for phasing out national notes and coins.

Support for an earlier and faster switch to the notes and coins was voiced at a Brussels conference yesterday on the practical introduction of the currency, which is to be created among chosen EU member states on January 1, 1999. On that date, according to the Maastricht treaty, exchange



for a short trial in a Paris suburb last year

rates are to be "irrevocably fixed". The euro, administered by the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, will be used as a unit in banking and other transactions, but the physical money is not due to enter cash registers and wallets for another three years. EU lead-

ers agreed in 1995 to start a sixmonth transition period in January 2002, but it was now thought to make sense to start the phase out in a quiet retail period, using the Christmas and New Year rush to withdraw notes and coins from circulation, M de Silguy said. The main objections to bringing forward the transi-

vending machine industry, which called for aid from the Commission to speed up the conversion of Europe's 3.15 million vending machines to accept euro coins.

The Commission is orchestrating an information campaign to prepare the public for the mental shift to a new currency. This will mean weaning people away from thinking in native denominations while the new currency remains an abstract notion in its early years. Emma Bonino, the Com-

nissioner for consumer afacknowledged that were as attached to their national currencies as

they were to their native languages. People such as her Italian mother needed to be told why she should "buy her onions and courgettes" in a new currency, she said. "Talking about macro-economic advantages" was not enough. A handful of recent experi-

ments in which towns in France, Germany, Belgium and elsewhere have circulated euros have had mixed success. Public attitudes vary widely, with polls showing distaste for single currency in Germany, Britain and the Nordic states, mild support in France, and enthusiasm in Mediterranean countries and

Over the past month Italy has taken as a national insult warnings from the Commission and member states that it will fail to pass the euro entry test unless it takes even more drastic steps to cut its public spending.
The detailed preparations

for the launch of European Monetary Union reflect confidence across the European business and banking world that the currency will go



Mother Teresa blesses an admirer in Delhi as she leaves to meet the Pope

Task in Rome for Mother **Teresa**

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

AFTER a lifetime devoted t caring for the poor in th Third World the ailing Moth er Teresa of Calcutta is turn ing her attention to the bacl streets of Rome. The 86-year old "Saint of the Gutters" wil today outline to the Pope ; plan for "giving thanks to God" for her recovery from a near-fatal illness by "rehabili tating" the thousands of pros titutes who haunt rundowr areas of the Italian capital.

Mother Teresa, who is making her first overseas trip since a serious illness last year, is admired by the Pope, who visited her first hospice for the dying in Calcutta in 1986. The Pope, himself in failing health though still remarkably active, turns 77 on Sunday.

The meeting between two Christian figures of world stature may advance Mother Teresa's candidacy for eventual beatification and sainthood. "The Mother Teresa file is ready," one Vatican official

tion came vesterday from the Tax shortfall puts Bonn in dilemma over EMU target

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German Government vowed yesterday to stick to its goal of joining European economic and monetary monetary union on time despite a dramatic shortfall in tax revenue needed to balance this year's budget. The price of staying on course for the euro, however, looks set to be the psychologically and politically radical step of revaluing the

Bundesbank's hoard of gold. Tax revenues for 1997 crucial in calculating whether Germany will meet its fiscal targets for a European single currency - are now expected to be £6.6 billion lower than planned. The opposition Social Democrats battered Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, with criticism. An opposition call for an official public — tantamount to a public reprimand — was only narrowly defeated

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A measure of the desperation of ministers to plug the budget gap was the range of taboo-breaking ideas being leaked and circulated by Cab-inet advisers. The Finance Ministry promptly denied re-



Waigel: narrowly escaped a public reprimand

SEVERAL hundred anti-gay

protesters led by Orthodox

priests, monks and nuns heck-

led MPs in Cyprus yesterday

and complained of "tragic"

consequences if they bowed to

pressure from the Council of

Europe to scrap a 19th-century

"No to Sodom and Gomor-

law banning homosexuality.

rah in Cyprus" said a banner

brandished by a priest outside

the parliament building in

Nicosia. "Cyprus is the island

of saints, not homosexuals,"

claimed another placard held

ports that it was planning to sell Bundesbank gold, but officials could not shake off the impression that central bank gold reserves were about to be revalued as a way of balancing the books. The Bundesbank holds 95 million ounces of gold, valued mod-estly at DM144 (about £50) an ounce, although the market value is more than four times this. Bullion prices dropped

on the rumours. Another way out of the dilemma - to cash in some of the 70 per cent government stake of recently privatised Deutsche Telekom - also caused havoc on the markets. The Government had pledged not to sell its shares on the stock market before January 2000: The two million Gernan shareholders, many of them small, first-time investors, are furious at what they regard as a betraval

Germany now has almost no room for manoeuvre. Every escape route being considered by ministers, from higher petrol tax to yet more social welfare cuts, seems set to increase public anger.

Revaluing Bundesbank gold to make a windfall profit. though it harms nobody, touches on a very sensitive nerve in German society, suggesting that the bank might be undermined in the rush to meet the Maastricht targets. Herr Waigel, who once said that after eight years in office he feared only God and the Devil, looked shaken as he the parliamentary

Social Democrats, having demanded a rare debate on European monetary union, accused him of using Maastricht as a cover for imposing some of the fightest austerity measures since the war.

sexuality legal would "deal a

blow to marriage and family ... it will encourage perver-

sion and debauchery and will

have as a result the further

spread of various infectious

The Government has said

that Cyprus could be ejected

from the Council of Europe

unless it changes the law to

allow sex between consenting

male adults in private. The old

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Mandela mission doomed by Zaire's devious diplomacy

From Sam Kiley, africa correspondent, in johannesburg

WITH the Zaire peace talks not carry out "judicial threatened with collapse and the prospect of violence in Kinshasa, President Mandela of South Africa last night moved into the breach with a last-ditch meeting.

The talks in Cape Town with Laurent Kabila, Zaire's rebel leader, appeared doomed, however, because Mr Mandela's view is more Western than African.

Mr Mandela's inability to ee that Zaire's immediate history has a momentum he cannot stop, or even steer, is largely derived from his high moral standards and the success of the negotiated transition from apartheid to

democracy in his homeland.
Shielded from the uglier realities of African politics during his 27 years in jail, Mr Mandela cultivated a sense of reason and moral courage lacking in leaders on the rest of the continent where logic, ethics and plain good sense are concepts which raise little enthusiasm and which observ-

ers greet with sniggers. His refusal to believe that President Abacha of Nigeria would go ahead with the executions of Ken Saro-Wiwa and his Ogoni colleagues in 1995 meant that he refused, until the men were dead, to turn his moral beacon on the Abuia iunta.

Ordinary Africans were stunned. First, that he was reluctant to use his influence as Africa's most popular President to save lives. And later, that he could have been so naive as to think that a military dictatorship would

murders". Opposition groups through-

out Africa had been looking to Mr Mandela to lead calls for "good governance" on a continent blighted by murderous and thieving regimes. But in the years after the executions in Nigeria, Mr Mandela has been more comfortable in Western environments where rational debate is possible.

Mr Mandela's South Africa experience has also served him ill in trying to persuade President Mobutu to cede power to Mr Kabila without a fight. After two years of talks on the transition of power in South Africa, carried out in a reasonable and sometimes affable atmosphere, many of the African National Conference and National Party represen-

Hunt for lost funds widens

Geneva: The search for billions of dollars allegedly embezzled by President Mobutu of Zaire is set to widen, after members of Laurent Kabila's Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire vowed yesterday to resent formal requests for ndicial help in several European countries and in the United States (Peter Capella writes). The intricate financial network, alleged to involve about £2.5 billion, is reported to extend as far as Japan.

Mood of defeat grips Kinshasa

FROM DAVID ORR IN KINSHASA

THE mood in the Zairean capital was sombre yesterday when President Mobutu returned home from Congo after Wednesday's collapse of peace talks described as the last chance to avert a rebel on-

With Laurent Kabila's rebel forces reportedly 50 miles from Kinshasa airport, office the weekend.

workers left for home early vesterday. Rebel tracts circulating in the city tell residents to stay at home and prepare for liberation. Better-off residents continued to flee across the Congo river to Brazzaville. while peasants near the airport were leaving home to escape the rebel offensive.

The latest communiqué of Mr Kabila's rebel forces said they would reach Kinshasa by

World Trade Centre firm and lasting friends.

In Zaire, as in much of Africa, such things are not possible. Though he is Africa's most celebrated son, Mr Mandela understands little of the cultures north of the Limpopo. Ways of doing things in the heart of Africa are not "primitive", just different.

Many ethnic groups have no indigenous words for "please" or "thank you". Others, like the Masai. lie as a matter of pride and consider direct questioning downright rude. Rwandans talk in riddles to avoid revealing themselves (a sensible precaution in the Hutu-Tutsi horror). No one blushes when untruths are exposed. Mr Mandela was understandably angry when Mr Kabila failed to turn up for a scheduled meeting with Mr

Mobutu on Wednesday.

The day before, Thabo
Mbeki, Mr Mandela's Vice-President, had been assured by the rebel leader that he would attend the talks. The South African and United Nations negotiators did not stop to ask themselves: "Why is he saying this? Does he mean it?" Given that he has fought against Mr Mobutu's regime for the last 32 years, that he controls all of Zaire bar Kinshasa, and that his troops are closing on the gates of the city, Mr Kabila is likely to say anything anyone wants. That is because he is intent on only one thing: driving out Mr Mobutu and taking power.

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Yesterday groups of bedraggled Zairean Army deserters shuffled through the capital under escort. The men, who had left their posts in the interior, were accompanied by

family members. The city's port, Ngobila, was closed yesterday after the fall two days ago of Mbandaka. the last big town on the Congo River before Kinshasa. With rebels in control, commercial river traffic has come to a halt.

Feud over monarchy resurfaces in Greece

FROM JOHN CARR IN ATHENS

A STRONG pro-royalist faction in New Democracy, the Greek opposition conservative party, has become restive after a war of words between the party founder and erstwhile president, Constantine Karamanlis, and the former King Constantine II, who is in exile

Publication this week of a 12-volume personal archive by Mr Karamanlis - in which the crusty architect of Greece's membership of the European Union and restorer of democratic rule passes judgment on leading politicians - has set the cat among the parliamen-tary pigeons. Athens bookshops reported a brisk trade in the archive, probably the most exhaustive documentation of modern Greek history this Passages leaked before pub-

lication indicate that the former King was plotting a coup to restore himself to the throne in 1975, the year after Mr Karamanlis restored democracy after the colonels' regime and held a plebiscite in which two-thirds of Greeks voted to have a republic. The former King has denied the story, claiming that Mr Karamanlis himself urged a coup from his own exile in

The dispute has revived a 30-year vendetta between Mr Karamanlis and the ex-monarch. Supporters of the former King distributed leaflets calling Mr Karamanlis a "traitor" during the official launch of the archive on Wednesday.

Mr Karamanlis, 90, was not present. The organisers said he was incapacitated with lumbago. Last week he had made his first public statement after stepping down from the presidency in 1995, capping a 60-year career in politics, by warning royalist sympathisers that the issue of the monarchy was "finished, once and for all".

New Democracy is believed to have between 30 and 50 royalist parliamentary depu-ties among its 111 MPs. Their opposition to Mr Karamanlis's republican tradition is so great they have even expressed guarded symmpathy for Costas Simitis, Socialist Prime Minister.



The old-style rickshaws of South Asia, criticised as demeaning, ensure pollution-free transport

Updated design eases burden for rickshaw wallah

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

FOR the first time since its arrival in India, the cycle rickshaw is getting a facelift. A lighter, slecker model will ease the strain on an army of skinny men performing one of the land's meanest jobs.

The revamp involved designers from an Indian bicycle company and officials of the Department of Science and Technology. The result, after seven years' work, is the "ecotrike". Passengers will now face backwards, away from the rickshaw-wallah usually an illiterate, lowcaste villager seeking surviv-al in the city — to redistribute

the weight more efficiently.
The new rickshaw comes with a canopy for the pullers, 75,000 of whom operate in Delhi alone, mostly in the crowded back streets of the old quarter. There is no fixed fare the puller extracts what he can, often after heated argument. A journey of about a mile is likely to cost about 5p. It is hard to earn a pound a day after paying rent to the rickshaw owner.

A special rickshaw will be introduced for hauling schoolchildren, with hooks for school bags and wire mesh to stop children falling out. Pullers who specialise in carrying children to and from school have the toughest job: six children can cram into a cage welded on the back of a tricycle.

Vegetable-sellers, too, will get their own new version of rickshaw. Specialised garbage rickshaws have made an appearance in some areas of the city, paid for by private citizens frustrated by the rare appearance of dustmen from

Delhi Corporation. The rickshaw reached India from Japan in the 1930s and has hardly changed shape since. The frames are black and heavy, the wheels large and fat, and there are no gears. The new models, soon to be on sale nationwide, have gears, brightly coloured lightweight frames and stylish handlebars.

Rickshaws once had a bad name in India because they slow down traffic and clog roads, and there have been threats to ban them. But they are now seen as a vital source of employment as well as a cheap, pollution-free form of transport. Car owners often find it quicker to take short

journeys by rickshaw. Rickshaws are common throughout South Asia, but the regional rickshaw capital is Bangladesh, where rickshaws have a bigger cash turnover than Bangladesh Railways or Bangladesh Biman, the national airline. They account for more than half the vehicles in Dhaka. the capital. Rickshaw-related work is the biggest source of employment in Dhaka, accounting for nearly a quarter of the workforce. The rickshaws are intricately decorated, providing jobs to specialised artists skilled in painting film stars or religious images.

But many Bangladeshis hate rickshaws. They are seen as symbols of backwardness and criticised as inhuman and degrading to the pullers, who often turn to begging when they become too frail — usually in their

Netanyahu is granted relief on sleaze

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

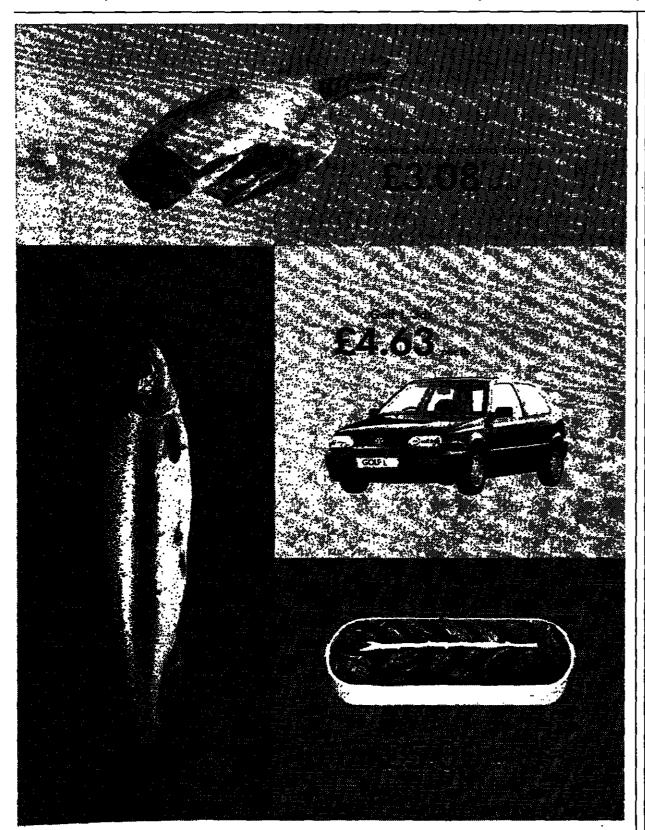
THE taint of sleaze, which has handicapped the right-wing Israeli Government of Binyamin Netanyahu, was partly lifted yesterday when his original Justice Minister was acquitted by a Tel Aviv court of perjury and obstructing justice. The unanimous verdict came less than a month after Elyakim Rubinstein, the Attorney-General, decided there was insufficient evidence to comply with police

recommendations to charge Mr Netanyahu in a separate political corruption case. Yaacov Neeman, the man cleared yesterday to courtroom cheers, served two months as Justice Minister before resigning after a journalist petitioned the High Court against his appointment and the police launched an

Mr Neeman, a political independent. was subsequently charged with giving false evidence in a fraud trial involving Aryeh Deri, leader of the ultra-Orthodox

Shas party, and of encouraging a prosecution witness to give false evidence. The minister, whose resignation was

the first in a series of internal problems for the Netanyahu administration, allegedly told the Supreme Court he was not involved in the trial of Mr Deri, a former Interior Minister, when he had been a lawyer acting for him. The court found yesterday that Mr Neeman had made a mistake, and not lied. Mr Netanyahu said he had not decided whether Mr Neeman would return to his Cabinet post.



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Anti-fat pill gives hope to 58 million obese Americans

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

OVERWEIGHT Americans were delighted yesterday after government scientific advisers recommended the approval of a revolutionary new anti-obesity pall. Kenical is the first drug that actually blocks the bodily absorption of the fat that people eat, rather than simply dulling the appetite.

If the drug's US debut is a

success, as manufacturer, Hoffman La Roche, is expected to market Xenical worldwide. A company spokes-woman said yesterday that Britain would be "an attrac-tive future market". She added: We cannot say for sure when the pill will make its way there, but we will have to follow British Government procedures on the matter. I believe they are rather rigorous." Authorisation of new drugs can take between two and five years in Britain.

Xenical was given the go-ahead in America by the Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee. The pill, for which a doctor's prescription will be required, could go on sale in US phar-

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macies as early as September. Sales of Xenical in America alone could reach \$700 million (£432 million) by 2001. A company spokesman said: This could be one of the biggestselling drugs we've made."

The reasons for his optimism are not difficult to discern: about 58 million of America's men, women and

"obese" by their doctors - that is, their weight is deemed to be so much above the norm that their health is likely to be affected. Thus, there are more fat people in America than the

entire population of Britain. Thirty-five per cent of American adults are overweight, and they spend \$30 billion a year on a panoply of diet pills and weight-loss programmes. in America, only smoking keeps the grim reaper busier than obesity-related ailments do. Cigarettes claim 450,000

6 The drug is not a bingers' licence to allow more milk shakes and

deaths a year, while fat claims

cheeseburgers ?

So Xenical will have its avid takers. Known scientifically as orlistat, it does not act on chemicals in the brain that regulate appetite, unlike other weight-control pills on the market Instead, it homes in on the intestine, bonds with certain pancreatic enzymes, and prevents the absorption of up to a third of dietary fat. This blocked fat is excreted.

Clinical trials on about

4.000 patients in America and Europe have shown that the new pill, when combined with a sensible diet, cuts about 600 calories a day. Scientists say, however, that Xenical is not a bingers' licence". People cannot use the pills to boost their intake of milk shakes, chips

and cheeseburgers. Yet the US Government's scientific panel noted that Xenical users experienced a moderate decline in their blood pressure and blood cholesterol and sugar levels, suggesting that the drug might help to prevent heart disease. There are side-effects, how-

ever, which the panel took pains to underline. Xenical can cause "soft stools" (a medical cuphernism for the runs) and "oily facial spotting" la phenomenon better known to Britons as zits).

Of greater concern is its finding that the pill decreases the body's absorption of vitamins D and E, as well as of beta-carotene. It recommended unanimously that Xenical users take carefully calibrated doses of vitamin supplements. A reduced vitamin D absorption is particularly worrying, as bone loss and osteoporosis

Hoffman-La Roche have iven a warning that Xenical should not be combined with appente suppressant pills, all made by their competitors. There is no research to date showing that would be safe," a

Sex-case B52 pilot sticks to her guns

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE US AIR FORCE, besieged with protests, is having second thoughts about a court martial for its first woman B52 pilot on charges of adultery and other alleged

Yesterday the Secretary of the Air Force, Sheila Widnall, used the American media to send a signal to Lieutenant Kelly Flinn, 26, that there might be a way out of the problem that has brought nothing but bad publicity for

Dr Widnall was quoted as having told her senior associates, after a two-hour meeting on the public-relations debacle, that she would consider allowing Lieutenant Flinn to resign with an honourable discharge rather than go through a trial due to start on Tuesday.

Lieutenant Flinn told The New York Times she was aware that she had the option of requesting a resignation. "I don't think that is the right thing to do," she said.

The rules do not allow Dr Widnali to offer Lieutenant Flinn the chance to leave; she must ask first. If she does, she cannot insist on an honourable discharge. That is up to Dr Widnall.

Charges quadruple: The number of US Air Force personnel court-martialled on adultery charges has more than quadrupled in the past decade, air force figures

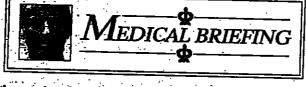


Lieutenant Kelly, accused of adulterous affair, may be spared the court martial

How slimming aid promises to take weight gain off the menu

enical works by inhibit-ing pancreatic and gastric lipase so a third of the fat eaten is not absorbed into the body but passes straight through the got. Fat provides more than twice as much energy per gram as carbohydrate so that a reduction in its intake is an essen-

tial of any slimming regime. If the excess fat disappears into the sewerage system, it is not available to increase pa-tients' girths, which makes them more vulnerable to dia-



the arteries of the brain and

One of the most important advantages of Xenical over existing slimming tablets is that it has no stimulant effect, like amphetamines, on the central nervous sys

recent slimming aids, an in-creased risk of pulmonary hypertension and heart failure. The principle disadvantage of Xenical is that the extra excretion of fat causes loose, fatty motions. The higher the tis, or clogging of does it cause, like some more the more frequently they will high. Fats are essential for the

have to go to the lavatory. The advice is that the normally recommended proportions of dietary fat to carbohydrate and protein, 30 per cent fat, 50 per cent carbohydrate, 20 per cent protein, should be

If the fat intake becomes too high, the inconvenience of the loose motions is increased. Doctors supervising the clinical trials of Xenical found this was a useful way of warning the patients that the fat conAlthough trials have not shown any vitamin lack in those who are taking part, it is recommended that people us-ing Xenical should have vitamin supplements.

Tats are also important for the production of several hormones, but none of the patients taking Xenical had any unexpected changes in hormone levels.

form. Adequate fat is also essen tial for an efficient immune system but no increase in

infections, nor any changes in the rate of malignancies with patients in the trial could be attributed to the drug.

There are other important advantages to patients' health as well as the loss of weight when they take Xenical. The levels of blood cholesterol was reduced, and in particular a greater proportion than hitherto of cholesternl was in the cardio-protective high-density

types of blood fat were reduced by Xenical. The blood

in the trial fell, and some of the volunteers who had diabetes found that they could reduce treatment, and a few

were able to come off treatment altogether. Doctors working with the drug in Europe are hoping that licences for its use in Britain and across the Continent will be granted so that Xenical can be made available by the middle of next year.

WORLD SUMMARY

Pyramid loss protes in Skopje

Skopje: Thousands of dem strators were converging the capital of the For-Yugoslav Republic of Mac nia last night in the latest a government unrest in

Balkans (Tom Walker writ The crisis has been fue by collapse of a pyran savings bank, TAT, wh owes 23,000 investors m than £46 million in a cour where unemployment is per cent. The protesters, w seek the resignation of Prime Minister, Bran Cryenkovski, want electic and an inquiry into graft

Cigarette tip

New York: The makers Chesterfield cigarettes are sell packets with the print message "Warning: Smoki is Addictive" (Tunku Varac rajan writes). The Ligg Group's decision is design to serve as a damage-limi tion clause in future lawsu by ailing smokers. The mo will cause consternation in t ranks of the tobacco industr which has long dispute claims that cigarettes a

Nazi loot find

Moscow: A Russian-Germateam confirmed that an ambmosaic found in Potsdar. Germany, is a panel from the 18th century Amber Roon missing since it was looted b German troops from a palat near St Petersburg during th Second World War (Robi Lodge writes). Police search ing for a stolen painting foun the panel at the home of lawyer, who said it had bee sent back from the front by hi

Kim son quizzed Seoul: The son of Presiden

Kim Young Sam is beins questioned and will be arrested soon on suspicion o taking bribes and peddling influence, prosecution source: said. By summoning the Presi dent's son, the prosecution has signalled that its investigation into a corruption scandal un-DR THOMAS | Hanbo Steel might be ap STUTTAFORD | proaching the end. (Reuter)



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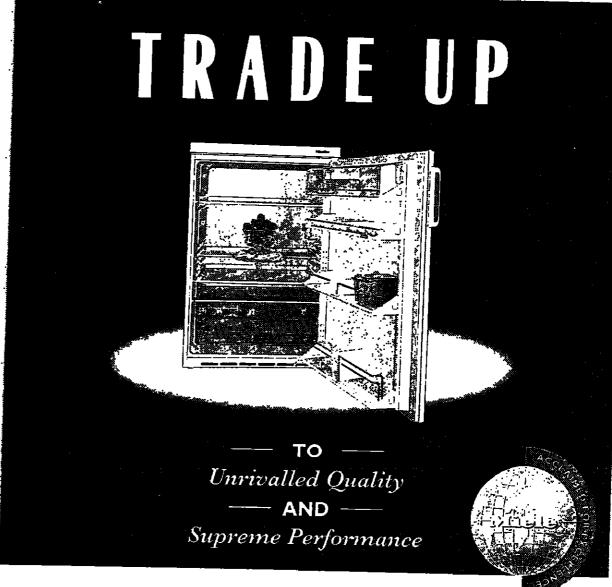
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Pasta, polenta and perfectionism

Success promises to be more than a flash in the pan for The River Café Cook Book; the sequel has gone straight to the top of the bestseller list, says Jason Cowley

Forces to hide



Style gurus: Ruth and Richard Rogers

he New Yorker magazine thinks that they run the best Italian restaurant in Europe; their first book, The River Cafe Cook Book, is a trend-setting bestseller; its sequel this week entered the bestseller list at number. one; and many leading supermarkets are selling cavolo nero and other exotic vegetables to satisfy demand for the ingredients they use in their recipes. Clearly, the American-born Ruth Rogers and her friend Rose Gray are exerting the kind of influence over culinary culture that may soon see them as the nation's favourite cooks, supplanting even Delia

Their power base is the River Cafe, the celebrated Hammersmith restaurant that Ruth and Rose founded almost a decade ago. They are the inspiration behind a highly fashionable style, the cucina rustica, or farmhouse cooking, of northern Italy, and the fad for char-grilling and wood-roasting that is sweeping Middle England. Their cuisine has a rustic simplicity: pasta, polenta and risotto dishes, soups, grilled or roasted meats and fish, lots of olive oil and fresh herbs,

simply prepared vegetables. "What I like about their food," says The Times's restaurant critic, lonathan Meades, is that they have created, out of as novel and inspired as [Ruth's husband] Richard Rogers's arthitecture. Everything is cooked simply, perfectly and without fuss. The secret is not that they use exotic ingredients but that they use incredibly good ones."

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Ruth (Ruthie to her friends) owes her



Trendsetter: simplicity is the key to Ruth's success. With her friend Rose Gray, she is cooking up a storm at the River Café, which has been hailed as "the best Italian restaurant in Europe"

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assiduous career-mapping. She has no formal training as a chef (something she shares with Rose) and originally wanted to be a civil rights lawyer, but when she arrived in London she enjoyed life so much that her career changed direction. The River Café began, too, not as a grand Conran-style concept eaterie, but as the inhouse canteen of the Richard Rogers Partnership, with which it shares a converted warehouse complex on the north bank of the Thames.

The restaurant is run on resolutely "domestic" terms: the menu is changed twice a day, depending on the availability of ingredients; and there is a restricted sitting. The focus of its glass and chrome interior is an Italian wood-burning oven.

Like many surprise bestsellers, The River Cafe Cookbook had a troubled history. Twice stillborn after publishers were frustrated by what friends call "Ruthie and Rose's perfectionism", it

meticulous stylist; she and Rose pass every page proof themselves. They are uncompromising in the pursuit of their vision.

"The first deal we made was with Penguin," recalls Ruth's literary agent, Ed Victor. "The problem was that they kept trying to impose their views on Ruthie, fighting everything she wanted. So we bought ourselves out of the contract." The pattern was repeated at Macmillan. "Fortunately, it

was third time lucky at Ebury Press." introduced her to Richard Rogers, stubborness in Ruth's character. She grew up in upstate New York, where her father was a radiologist, her mother a teacher. She shared their progressive beliefs but not their fondness for small-town America. Like her husband, she believes that cities are the greatest sources of creativity success more to serendipity than any almost never made it to press. Ruth is a and that the real heart of London is the

Thames. "It would be nice if this place [the Thames-side 'Everything River Calel could be a model for something," she told The New Yorker. "I would love it if more places like this opened on the river.

simply and She moved to London in 1967 after failing to complete her studies at Benington girls' college in Vermont. Submerging herself in radical politics, she assisted draft dodgers with their campaign against the Vietnam War. A mutual friend

> "As a couple, Ruthie and Richard had great style, even though they had no money," recalls David Pelham, for whom Ruth worked as a graphic designer at Penguin Books in the early Seventies. "I remember on the day Ruthie got her first pay cheque from Penguin, she hired a taxi

> and went to Harrods and to Fortnum's;

the taxi waited for her while she bought all this expensive food. Then she went back to her small, stark, minimalist flat in north London and cooked the most fabulous dinner for her friends. She must have blown her wages in one hit."

ven Sir Isaiah Berlin has described her as "that excellent Lady Rogers". She and Richard married on Long Island, New York, in 1973; their first child, Roo, was born two years later. A second son, Bo. was adopted in 1983, after Ruthie discovered that she could not have more children. Home is a grand, five-storey is a home dedicated to style and ping-

pong," says Meades. After Richard Rogers moved to Paris to work on his career-transforming design of the Pompidou Centre. David Pelham would visit the couple in their cramped flat in the Marais district of the city. "They were living life at such pace," he says.

"You never knew where you were going to eat or where they were going to take you. And Ruthie was really getting into her cooking, experimenting on a limited budget. On one occasion she did fish on fennel stalks. I'd never seen that before."

Television producer Philippa Walker, a close friend and partner of BBC executive Alan Yentob, speaks of Ruth's energy (she recently skied down Mount Blanc), political radicalism (they marched together through London in support of the miners) and kindness. "I remember when I was in hospital after having my first child and I was completely sick of the food. Ruthie had a River Cafe meal delivered to my

"She's good with customers, too. The last time I was in the restaurant there were these people who found fault with everything. Instead of ducking out of the situation, Ruthie pulled up a chair and charmed the pants off them. They made a return booking as they left."

■ River Café Cook Book Two (Ebury Press, £25)

t 30. Rachel Jennings A is the picture of con-tentment as she coos over her six-month-old son, Joe. She and her friends are discussing baby food when the phone rings. "Yes, yes. Really? I'd love to, thanks. When?" Silence, A sigh, "Oh. dear. No.-1 can't. It's too short notice. I'm so sorry"

She has just turned down a lucrative marketing project; the third job offer this week. Ten years ago she graduated in European business studies. She assumed she could have a career and children. At 23 she was a highly successful mar-keting manager. I had huge aspirations and believed I would be some sort of marketing guru by the age of 35. But you can never contemplate how your life will change when you have a baby. Joe comes first now."

It seems her view is widely shared. Catherine Hakim, a sociologist at the London School of Economics, has carried out controversial re-

playroom to the boardroom search which seems to demon-New research claims that

strate that the majority of women do not want to reach the top. She claims that most men are far more driven to chase power, status and than most women. "That is not to say there are not some very driven women. such as Margaret Thatcher. But having children gives most women a feeling of tremendous achievement in life, so they don't feel the need to succeed in other ways."

But how does that square with research published earlier this year which appeared to confirm that most women want to work? Catherine Hakim's figures reveal that three quarters of professional women deny that home comes

most women put home before career. Nicola Carslaw reports

The women who prefer the

first. She believes their replies are distorted by our climate of political correctness: "It isn't socially acceptable to say that your job is not the centre of your life."

First Data Resources is a high-tech operation in Basildon, Essex, which processes credit card payments and employs 2,000 people, mostly women. Its operations director is 57-year-old Jo Emery, a mother whose policies for women's career development won her company an award

this year from Opportunity 2000, the campaign for great-

er equality in the workplace.

Ms Emery acknowledges that, even for high-flyers like her, family demands take precedence. There is a time in our lives when the children come first," she says. "But. I think, too, that as we get older there is space for our careers."

Some 300 companies have signed up to Opportunity 2000, which promotes measures to help working women such as job-shares and career

breaks. But Catherine Hakim questions whether offering such opportunities is a sensible use of company resources. "If you increase flexibility and part-time work, then the sort of women who get into management will be women who give priority to home and family." she says.

Tet hundreds of com-Y panies are pressing ahead with their equal opportunities policies. One of them, NatWest, says the number of women in its senior management has risen from 1 per cent to 7 per cent during the 1990s.

Howard Davies, the deputy governor of the Bank of England, believes that the

workplace is on the verge of a radical change, with more women breaking through the so-called glass ceiling. How-ever, he questions the idea of total equality. "I believe there will be a greater proportion of women who say 'no, it is more fulfilling to spend a greater part of my life on my family"."

All the same, the days of the

male-dominated workforce are over. In five years, women workers will be in the majority. In management, too, they are forecast to fill 40 per cent of jobs by the year 2000. Yet although there are exceptions, at the very top it is still "jobs for the boys". If the research is borne out, that will continue not because of discrimination or lack of opportunity, but because women will opt out before they reach the boardroom, in favour of staying at home in the playroom.

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Devolution show is on the road, says Dewar

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Government took the first step yesterday towards fulfilling its promise to set up Scottish and Welsh assemblies with the publication of the referendum Bill.

The Bill outlines the questions that will be put to the voters and the estimated initial costs of devolution. Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, said: "It is a measure of the importance that the Government attaches to devolution that the referendum Bill is the first to be introduced in the new Parliament."

Seperate referendums will he held in Scotland and Wales in the autumn in which Scots voters will be asked two questions and Welsh voters one. There will be a three-line whip on Labour MPs, who will be expected to vote for the measures.

Tam Dayeli, Labour MP for Linlithgow, who has consistently opposed devolution. said that the cost was about El said he would vote against a for every adult in Scotland.

A £500,000 campaign was

launched in Edinburgh yes-

terday to persuade Scots to

vote yes to a Scottish Parlia-

ment with tax-raising powers

Such is the support for the

campaign, however, that organisers said one of their

fears was that there would be

(Gillian Bowditch writes).

no effective opposition.

THE QUESTIONS

In Scotland the two questions in the referendum will be: I do/do not agree that there should be a Scottish

I do/do not agree that a Scottish Parliament should have

In Wales voters will be asked only one question: I do/do not agree that there should be a Welsh assembly

Scottish Parliament but for tax-raising powers.

Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, said: "I do not believe it is appropriate for any Labour Member of Parliament to take any course of action which associating with others in opposition to our campaign or indeed publicly campaigning on their own behalf against our proposals."

The Government estimates that the cost of the referendums will be £8 million (£5 million in Scotland and 53 million in Wales). Mr Dewar said that the cost was about El

dent of the political parties

but with links with Labour

and the Liberal Democrats

and has been welcomed by

the Scottish Nationalists. In-

dividuals from the Conserva-

tive Party have also expressed

an interest in joining. The group plans to raise up to E500,000 for its campaign

with a presence in each of

the most expensive opinion poll in history". The initial costs of establishing a Scottish parliament are estimated at between EIS million and £25 million, or £5 a head. That covers the pur-chase of a suitable building. likely to be the Old Royal High School on Calton Hill in Edinburgh, its refurbishment and the administrative costs. Running costs, which have not yet been released, will be additional. The cost of estab-

the 73 Scottish constituencies.

Nigel Smith, a Scottish

businessman and chairman

of the organisation, said the

group had been planning the

campaign for five months.

Asked if he was worried about

a "no" campaign, he said: "I

am worried I'm worried there

won't be one. This debate has

to be carried out properly for

the sake of democracy."

prompting the Tories to call it

lishing a Welsh assembly is estimated to be between £5 million and £15 million. 'Yes' campaign is under way

> Jackson Carlaw, the Scottish Conservative Party depu-ty chairman, said: "They are asking Scots to sign a blank cheque. The questions set out in this Bill are meaningless. The devil is in the detail and this must be debated and passed through the Westminster Parliament before any referendum could have any

resident in Scotland or Wales. A simply majority is all that is needed for the devolution plans to go ahead.

In Scotland the entitlement to vote will be based on the local government electoral register. This will mean that Scotland's 123 peers will be eligible to vote, as will foreign nationals living in Scotland, but expatriate Scots will be

Mr Dewar spoke of his personal excitment at piloting his first Bill as Secretary of State through the Commons and he promised that it would be done as quickly as possible while allowing for open de-bate. He said the second reading of the Bill would be on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, adding: "The show is well and truly on the road." The White Paper will be

published before the summer recess to allow time for its proper examination and the referendums will be held on seperate days in the autumn before the Labour Party conference in October. September ll or 18 is the favoured day for the Scottish referendum. The Welsh referendum is likely to be a week later.

credibility.'



John Bruton, flanked yesterday by his allies Proinsias De Ross and Dick Spring, is trailing Mary Harney's Progressive Democrats and her Fianna Fail partners

Stormy outlook as Bruton takes rainbow team to polls

BY AUDREY MAGEE IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish general election campaign began yesterday amid indications that it will be the most closely contested and bitter of recent years and may result in a hung Parliament.

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, told the Dail that the election will be in three weeks' time on Friday, June 6. Mary Robinson, the President, dissolved Parliament in the morning and by lunchtime campaigning was

underway. The outgoing threeparty coalition Government and the Opposition are desperate rivals to bring Ireland into the 21st century and to reap the benefits of the most affluent period since the foundation of the State in 1922.

Over the past three years, the country has witnessed a spectacular average growth of 7 per cent. Indications are that the economy will continue to grow by 5 per cent a year for ten years. By 2005 the standard of living may exceed Britain's. For the first time, politicians will have the finances to mould the future of Irish society

Five main parties are standing, with a host of smaller parties and independent candidates. No party can com-mand an overall majority, leaving voters — whose main concerns are tax, unemployment and crime - with a choice of coalition partners.

Mr Bruton and his "rainbow coalition", comprising his party Fine Gael, Labour led by Dick Spring and Proinsias De

present themselves as a centre-left party trying to build a cohesive and inclusive society. The coalition promises 1,000 new jobs a week and to halve the 11 per cent unem-ployment figure in the fiveyear term of government. They promise to cut income tax by 6 per cent for the average earner and offer more

effective policing. But the outgoing Government is trailing badly in the opinion polls, about II per cent behind the Opposition coalition of Fianna Fail and the Progressive Democrats. This centre-right partnership offers tax cuts of up to 8 per cent and a clampdown on crime. But splits are showing.

Fianna Fail, the republican party, has greater affiliation with Sinn Fein than any other party in the Irish Parliament. The Progressive Democrats, and particulaly their leader, Mary Harney, are virulently opposed to Sinn Fein and will not talk to them unless there is an IRA ceasefire. The difference may prove hard to con-

tain during the election

More than 2.7 million people are entitled to vote, which will be by proportional representation, rendering it difficult to predict the outcome. First preferences account for only about 20 per cent of the Dail seats. The rest of the 166 seats are filled on second preference and trans-

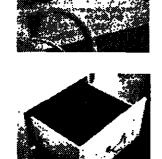
If Mr Bruton's poll strategy works, his will be the first povernment to be returned to power in an Irish election since 1969. But Ms Harney was confident yesterday that she would be the first woman Deputy Prime Minister of morning and the rainbow will be out in a few weeks."

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unions march back

By Valerie Elliott WHITERALL EDITOR

STAFF sacked from the Government's communications base, GCHQ, 13 years ago celebratory march back to the Cheltenham premises after the decision to lift a ban on

The ban was imposed by Margaret Thatcher in 1984, claiming that union membership created a conflict of interest with loyalty to the state. Robin Cook, the new Foreign gave the go-ahead yesterday union membership

and Commerce Union is to take over the centre's staff recruitment drive. The announcement coincided with its annual conference in Blackpool, when four of the sacked workers were paraded on stage to loud cheers. Negotiations will take place shortly about re-instatement and compensation.

The sacked workers — the GCHQ 14" - were delighted with the news and some were

to resume. Civil service unions already planning a return to received calls from staff ask-their old jobs. But one of the ing for membership itetails. most prominent campaigners.
The Public Services, Tax Mike Grindley, a former linmost prominent campaigners. guist, is 60 in August and due for retirement. He is hopeful

> A list headed "Candidates who deserve the Eurosceptic vote (May! I) wrongly included John Thornton, Mr Thornton, a Liberal Democrat (not Labour as stated), is in fact strongly pro-European. We apologise for the error.





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Mandela mission doomed by Zaire's devious diplomacy

FROM SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT, IN JOHANNESBURG

WITH the Zaire peace talks threatened with collapse and the prospect of violence in Kinshasa, President Mandela of South Africa last night moved into the breach with a last-ditch meeting.

The talks in Cape Town with Laurent Kabila. Zaire's rebel leader, appeared doomed, however, because Mr Mandela's view is more Western than African.

Mr Mandela's inability to see that Zaire's immediate history has a momentum he cannot stop, or even steer, is largely derived from his high moral standards and the success of the negotiated transition from apartheid to democracy in his homeland.

Shielded from the uglier realities of African politics during his 27 years in jail. Mr Mandela cultivated a sense of reason and moral courage lacking in leaders on the rest of the continent where logic. ethics and plain good sense are concepts which raise little enthusiasm and which observers greet with sniggers.

His refusal to believe that President Abacha of Nigeria would go ahead with the executions of Ken Saro-Wiwa and his Ogoni colleagues in 1995 meant that he refused. until the men were dead, to turn his moral beacon on the Abuja junta.

Ordinary Africans were stunned. First, that he was reluctant to use his influence as Africa's most popular President to save lives. And later, that he could have been so naive as to think that a

not carry out "judicial

Opposition groups throughout Africa had been looking to Mr Mandela to lead calls for "good governance" on a continent blighted by murderous and thieving regimes. But in the years after the executions in Nigeria, Mr Mandela has been more comfortable in Western environments where rational debate is possible.

Mr Mandela's South Africa experience has also served him ill in trying to persuade President Mobutu to cede ver to Mr Kabila without a fight. After two years of talks on the transition of power in South Africa, carried out in a reasonable and sometimes affable atmosphere, many of the African National Conference and National Party represen-

Hunt for lost funds widens

billions of dollars allegedly embezzled by President Mobutu of Zaire is set to widen, after members of Laurent Kabīla's Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire vowed yesterday to resent formal requests for judicial help in several European countries and in the United States (Peter Capella writes). The intricate financial network, alleged to involve about £2.5 billion, is reported to ex-

tatives emerged from the World Trade Centre firm and lasting friends.

In Zaire, as in much of Africa, such things are not possible. Though he is Africa's most celebrated son, Mr Mandela understands little of the cultures north of the Limpopo. Ways of doing things in the heart of Africa are not "primitive", just different.

Many ethnic groups have no indigenous words for "please" or "thank you". Others, like the Masai, lie as a matter of pride and consider direct questioning downright rude. Rwandans talk in riddles to avoid revealing themselves (a sensible precaution in the Hutu-Tutsi horror). No one blushes when untruths are exposed. Mr Mandela was understandably angry when Mr Kabila failed to turn up for a scheduled meeting with Mr

Mobutu on Wednesday. The day before, Thabo Mbeki, Mr Mandela's Vice-President, had been assured by the rebel leader that he would attend the talks. The South African and United Nations negotiators did not stop to ask themselves: "Why is he saying this? Does he mean it?" Given that he has fought against Mr Mobutu's regime for the last 32 years. that he controls all of Zaire bar Kinshasa, and that his troops are closing on the gates of the city, Mr Kabila is likely to say anything anyone wants. That is because he is intent on only one thing: driving out Mr Mobutu and taking power.

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Mood of defeat grips Kinshasa

FROM DAVID ORR IN KINSHASA

THE mood in the Zairean capital was sombre yesterday when President Mobutu returned home from Congo after Wednesday's collapse of peace talks described as the last chance to avert a rebel onslaught on Kinshasa.

With Laurent Kabila's rebel forces reportedly 50 miles from Kinshasa airport, office

workers left for home early yesterday. Rebel tracts circulating in the city tell residents to stay at home and prepare for liberation. Better-off residents continued to flee across the Congo river to Brazzaville, while peasants near the airport were leaving home to escape the rebel offensive.

The latest communique of Mr Kabila's rebel forces said they would reach Kinshasa by the weekend.

Yesterday groups of bedrag-gled Zairean Army deserters shuffled through the capital under escort. The men, who had left their posts in the interior, were accompanied by family members.

The city's port, Ngobila, was closed yesterday after the fall two days ago of Mbandaka. the last big town on the Congo River before Kinshasa. With rebels in control, commercial river traffic has come to a halt.

Feud over monarchy resurfaces in Greece

FROM JOHN CARR

A STRONG pro-royalist fac-tion in New Democracy, the Greek opposition conservative party, has become restive after a war of words between the party founder and erstwhile president, Constantine Karamanlis, and the former King Constantine II, who is in exile

in London. Publication this week of a 12-volume personal archive by Mr Karamanlis — in which the crusty architect of Greece's membership of the European Union and restorer of democratic rule passes judgment on leading politicians — has set the cat among the parliamentary pigeons. Athens bookshops reported a brisk trade in the archive, probably the most exhaustive documentation of modern Greek history this century.

Passages leaked before publication indicate that the former King was plotting a coup to restore himself to the throne in 1975, the year after Mr Karamanlis restored democracy after the colonels' regime and held a plebiscite in which two-thirds of Greeks voted to have a republic. The former King has denied the story, claiming that Mr Karamanlis himself urged a coup from his own exile in 1966.

The dispute has revived a 30-year vendetta between Mr Karamanlis and the ex-monarch. Supporters of the former King distributed leaflets calling Mr Karamanlis a "traitor" during the official launch of the archive on Wednesday.

Mr Karamanlis, 90, was not present. The organisers said he was incapacitated with lumbago. Last week he had made his first public statement after stepping down from the presidency in 1995. capping a 60-year career in politics, by warning royalist sympathisers that the issue of the monarchy was "finished, once and for all".

New Democracy is believed to have between 30 and 50 royalist parliamentary depu-ties among its 111 MPs. Their opposition to Mr Karamanlis's republican tradition is so great they have even expressed guarded symmpathy for Costas Simitis, the Socialist Prime Minister.



The old-style rickshaws of South Asia, criticised as demeaning, ensure pollution-free transport

Updated design eases burden for rickshaw wallah

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

arrival in India, the cycle rickshaw is getting a facelift. A lighter, sleeker model will ease the strain on an army of skinny men performing one of the land's meanest jobs.

The revamp involved decle company and officials of the Department of Science and Technology. The result, after seven years' work, is the "ecotrike". Passengers will now face backwards, away from the rickshaw-wallah -usually an illiterate, lowcaste villager seeking surviv-al in the city — to redistribute the weight more efficiently.

The new rickshaw comes with a canopy for the pullers, 75,000 of whom operate in Delhi alone, mostly in the crowded back streets of the old quarter. There is no fixed fare the puller extracts what he can, often after heated argument. A journey of about a mile is likely to cost about 5p. It is hard to carn a pound a day after paying rent to the rickshaw owner.

A special rickshaw will be introduced for hauling schoolchildren, with hooks for school bags and wire mesh to stop children falling out. Pullers who specialise in carrying children to and from school have the toughest job: six children can cram into a cage welded on the back of a tricycle.

Vegetable-sellers, too, will get their own new version of nckshaw. Specialised garbage rickshaws have made an appearance in some areas of the city, paid for by private citizens frustrated by the rare appearance of dustmen from

FOR the first time since its Delhi Corporation. The rickshaw reached India from Japan in the 1930s and has hardly changed shape since. The frames are black and fieavy, the wheels large and fat, and there are no gears. The new models, soon to be on sale nationwide, have gears, brightly coloured lightweight frames and styl-ish handlebars.

Rickshaws once had a bad name in India because they slow down traffic and clog roads, and there have been threats to ban them. But they are now seen as a vital source of employment as well as a cheap, pollution-free form of transport. Car owners often find it quicker to take short journeys by rickshaw. Rickshaws are common

throughout South Asia, but the regional rickshaw capital is Bangladesh, where rickshaws have a bigger cash turnover than Bangladesh Railways or Bangladesh Biman, the national airline. They account for more than half the vehicles in Dhaka. the capital. Rickshaw-related work is the biggest source of employment in Dhaka, accounting for nearly a quarter of the workforce. The rickshaws are intricately decorated, providing jobs to specialised artists skilled in painting film stars or reli-

But many. Bangladeshis hate rickshaws. They are seen as symbols of backwardness and criticised as inhuman and degrading to the pullers, who often turn to begging when they become too frail — usually in their

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Netanyahu is granted relief on sleaze

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE taint of sleaze, which has handicapped the right-wing Israeli Government of Binyamin Netanyahu, was partly lifted yesterday when his original Justice Minister was acquitted by a Tel Aviv court of perjury and obstructing justice.

The unanimous verdict came less than a month after Elyakim Rubinstein, the Attorney-General, decided there was insufficient evidence to comply with police

recommendations to charge Mr Netanyahu in a separate political corruption case. Yaacov Neeman, the man cleared yesterday to courtroom cheers. served two months as Justice Minister before resigning after a journalist peti-tioned the High Court against his appointment and the police launched an restigation.

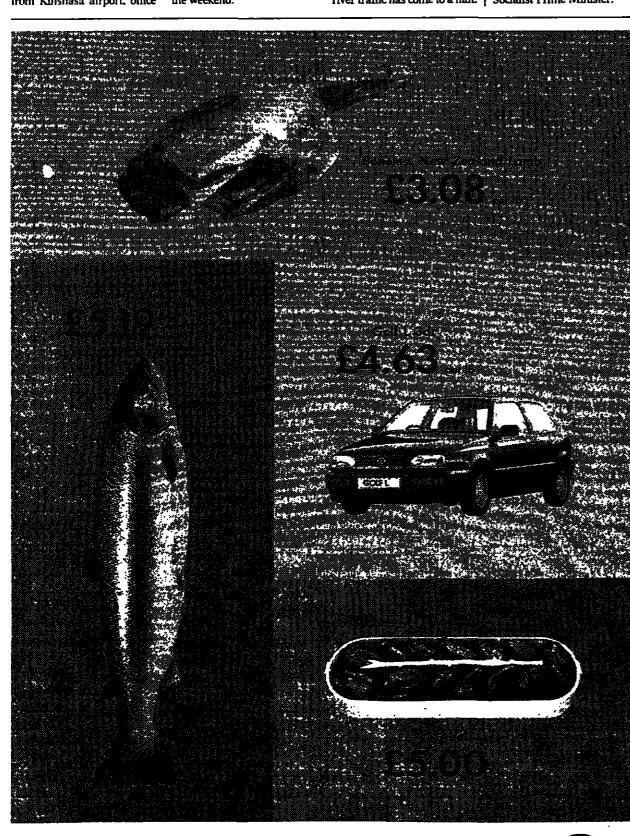
Mr Neeman, a political independent, was subsequently charged with giving false evidence in a fraud trial involving.

Aryeh Deri, leader of the ultra-Orthodox,

tion witness to give false evidence. The minister, whose resignation was the first in a series of internal problems for the Netanyahu administration, allegedly told the Supreme Court he was not

Shas party, and of encouraging a prosecu-

involved in the trial of Mr Deri, a former Interior Minister, when he had been a lawyer acting for him. The court found yesterday that Mr Neeman had made a mistake, and not lied. Mr Netanyahu said he had not decided whether Mr Neeman would return to his Cabinet post.







It's being heralded as the most thriting FA Can first for years - with Chelsea and Middlesbrough boasting excit stars such as Zola and Juninho. The Sunday Times of sparkling team, led by Hugh McIlvanney and Joe Laver will be there to capture the action - and the reactions Don't miss the finest football coverage in Sunday journals THE SUNDAY TIMES IS THE SUNDAY PAPERS

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■ Tory fortunes may be rocky, but they io a good horror show

nn Widdecombe's description of Michael Howard — There is something of the night about him — was possibly disloyal, imprudent or bad politics. it may neither hamstring Mr Howard in the Fory leadership obstacle race, nor help the chances of Miss Widdecombe's preferred runner. Along with her aside that nobody in his right mind would suck up with chocolates to a woman of her shape, it confirms that she is a good egg and more than just a pretty face. And her description could have been written by Bram Stoker. That enigmatic little phrase creates the goosepimples of agreeable terror of the Gothic horror story.

From the opening scene of Hamlet to the

umpteenth screen version of Dracula, this Institute of the control of the cont was nicknamed Doris Karloff because she was Minister for Prisons at the Home Office. has caught the essence of understatement , and mystery to make our flesh creep.

And Mr Howard, who is quick on his feet, makes a boast of the label of Prince of Darkness. He writes in today's Spectator.

"... if (though I wouldn't have put it like that myself) I am indeed 'dangerous stuff', that may be part of what is required . . . " And as the television lights glitter on his prominent spectacles and teeth, a nameless horror thrills the audience. He pronounces "people" to rhyme with "ripple" in the style of Prince Vlad of Transylvania, just before he impaled another batch of peasants. With the introduction of something of the night to suggestible readers, it is possible to experience an overpowering sensation of complete and utter... In a Gothic, here follows a suggestive pause. And before somebody whispers "evil", in the case of Mr Howard the better answer is "ruthless ambition".

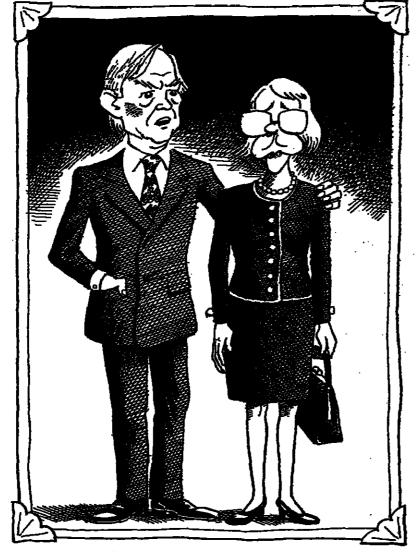
A horror story works by terrifying safely. while beyond the comfort of the log-simulating gas-fire, the wolves howl in the Carpathians, or the Today studio. The myth of Dracula or the Mummy's hand is more powerful if it allows evil to remain mysterious. Miss Widdecombe should remember that virtuous action has no more impact on evil than Jonathan Harker's shovel. And

the high virtue of Lucy (or Ann) can simply be drained away, as her blood is drained away, until she joins the vampire brood.

The Tories belong to a party that is too old, too professional, and too fond of power to carry on sucking their own blood. And the only way to begin to look like a leader is to only way to begin to look like a leader is to become one. The Whig intelligentsia knew that the Tories were finished when they chose that flashy bounder Disraeli as their leader. But look how they flourished under him. And since they have introduced the Gothic theme, it does seem strangely apt to their leadership race. The original script cast Lord Tebbit as Christopher Lee playing Dracula in the shadowy moonlight.

But John Redwood is already known as Vulcan, partly because of that unearthly smile, which seems unconnected from his intellectual musings or his populist rants. He is the wrong sex otherwise Peter Lilley could be an inhuman computerised model from The Stepford Wives, the first women's lib Gothic for which the world had long been waiting. Bill Cash, were he vain enough to run for leader (he is), would play the kind of Dr Crippen specialist one would rather die than consult. In the Gothic, one would die anyway. And William Hague, ever since he made his schoolboy speech to the Tory conference, has always seemed like one of the monstrous, supernaturally intelligent children from John Wyndham's The Midwich Cuckoos, filmed as Village of the Damned, it would have been better for him if, instead of being hailed by loony prophets as a future leader of their party, he had been clipped around the ear by some rough

Yorkshire Tory for being a precocious swot. In Gothics, the mistiest and most enigmatic parts are the best. When the lights go up, the interest goes down, in politics the reverse is true. But so long as the loons are acting Gothic, we outsiders can sit back with a shiver of pleasurable anticipation.



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Free the Westminster Two

eeking to exclude Sinn Fein MPs from the House of Commons is a mistake. It is hollow, antidemocratic, dishonest and futile. It will prove counter-productive. Pursued by party politicians for nakedly political motives, it ought to be beyond the competence of the Speaker to cover with her cloak. The ban will, however, encounter almost no serious opposition and meet almost everywhere in mainland Britain the empty cheers it met in the Commons this week. One wonders whether there is any point in spitting in the wind of our English mindlessness toward Irish affairs, but here goes...

The Oath of Allegiance is not the problem, but the pseudo-problem. Sinn Fein MPs' refusal to swear this oath raises a difficulty, of course, but it is one that has been encountered before and overcome when politically convenient. In the early 19th century, the wildly popular Irish nationalist Daniel O'Connell refused to take the Oath of Supremacy, and was ordered by the Speaker to withdraw from the Palace of Westminster. In some ways 1829 was a more tolerant time than 1997, and O'Connell was permitted to address the House from the Bar and explain his actions. His speech impressed, but MPs nevertheless rejected his claim to his seat by 116 votes to 190 and The Times published no fewer than 300 leading articles attacking him. The electors of Clare reelected him, unopposed, but before he took his seat the Act of Emancipation was passed, removing the need for Catholics to affirm the Supremacy of the Church of England.

It would be quite wrong to see the rejection of O'Connell as an issue revolving around the swearing of an oath - or, indeed, around the supremacy of the Church of England. It revolved around the political claims of the Irish Catholic nationalists and their demands for Catholic emancipation. These claims were seen as hostile to the British State by many MPs and much of the Government. This was the nub, and the rest is Jesuitical quibbling. The Times refused to report his speeches because it disagreed with them

In 1880, the atheist Charles Bradlaugh's refusal to swear on the Bible raised a similar difficulty, and the Serjeant-at-Arms called the police to expel him from the Chamber as he tried to take his seat. Four times returned by the electors of Northampton and four times refused entry, his unacceptability to the

The real reason for excluding Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness from

the Commons is British pig-headedness

British political establishment went deeper than his unwillingness to pre-tend — as countless atheists before him had pretended - to swear an oath. It was his campaigning atheism, his advocacy of birth control, his proposal to allow female journalists to work at Westminster, his general radicalism that really damned him.

In fact Bradlaugh's unwillingness to swear on the Bible was helpful to his persecutors. He did once offer to take the Oath — whereupon the House refused to allow him to do so, and excluded him! anyway. The last prisoner to be kept in the jail at the base of the Clock Tower, Bradlaugh won in the

end. Public opinion having moved, he was allowed to affirm instead of swearing on the Bible. All MPs are now offered this option. But the underlying alteration was not of the Oath-taking cer-

emony, but of the House's view of whom it would accept as a parliamentarian. Bradlaugh was not just a radical but an anti-socialist. Socialism was a new and rising enemy. Against this even the godless might prove useful allies. When Gwynfor Evans, the first Plaid

Cymru MP, asked whether he might take the Oath in Welsh, the answer was that probably, under existing rules, he could not. But the House realised immediately that what was in question was the participation in our legislature of elected Welsh nationalists, and since most people thought they should participate, the matter was not brought to a head. Mr Evans, with good grace, took the Oath in English, but it was quickly accepted that MPs could do so in either

Welsh or English. When, earlier this week, the new Minister for Sport, Tony Banks, was seen to be crossing his fingers while taking the Oath (Banks is a republican and vehemently opposed to the monarchy), most people just laughed it off. That is because we do not choose to make an issue of this with Mr Banks, who is rather

popular in London. If Jeremy Corbyn, a less charismatic leftie, loathed by the leadership of his party, were to have told the news media that he would hold up crossed fingers for the TV cameras while taking the Oath, and if there were to be a fuss about this at Westminster, he might well have been disbarred.

In short, problems with the Oath have been visible surrogates for submerged problems about the character or affiliations of the elected representative hammering on the door of the Commons. Parliament simply did not want them in. The political classes did not want them in. The Times did not want them in.

In the 1760s, John Wilkes became a popular hero when the Middlesex voters sent him to Westminster and Parliament five times refused to have him -voting that his defeated opponent "ought to have been elected". Ed-

mund Burke was enraged. The House of Commons can never be a control on other parts of government unless they are controlled themselves by their constituents," he wrote. Electors must possess some right in the choice of that House which it is not in the power of that House to take away". If MPs overrule them, "they have utterly perverted every other power of the House of Commons".

ow little has changed. There are, of course, real problems for an Irish republican with the Commons Oath in its present form. Nor do I deny that, to constitutional conservatives, some sort of declaration of good faith from an intending MP may seem important. But if there were real willingness to include Sinn Fein then it should be possible to seek ways of reconciling those consider-ations. Who knows? This might uncover a reluctance by Sinn Fein to attend -Oath or no - in which case the party's bluff would have been called. It might equally uncover (and I

suspect it would) a reluctance by

mainland politicians to see Sinn Fein at Westminster, Oath or no. In that case, another bluff would have been called. "Security" has been cited as the reason why supporters of the IRA should never be allowed into the Palace of Westminster. My friends, they are there already. Three thousand people, from kitchen porters, builders, electricians and waiters to researchers, clerks and left-wing Labour MPs, work within the precincts and carry passes.

No, the real reason why the British political class does not wish Sinn Fein to attend the Commons is its stubborn insistence that the 126,000 British electors

who voted Sinn Fein on May I are stupid or wicked or both and should be ignored. ("What can be lower than the inhabitants of Billingsgate and Wapping?" asked Charles James Fox, in the Wilkes case.) The electors must be taught that voting for an option unac--ceptable to London will not make any difference nor do them any good. The voters of West Belfast and Mid Ulster are therefore to be denied any representative at Westminster. Unlike most Conservative or Labour MPs, Gerry Adams received more than half the votes cast in his constituency. Sinn Fein's support in Northern Ireland is about the same as the Liberal Democrats' across Great Britain as a whole; but this counts for nothing. These voters (like the Danes in their first Maastricht referendum) delivered the wrong result. So we block

our ears. The futile strategy behind this earblocking is driven by the hope that if the extremists on both sides are steadfastly ignored, then those who incline to "moderation" will gain ground. This is dangerous rubbish. The real centres of gravity in Ulster politics are extreme. lohn Hume and the forces of moderation in Northern Ireland are a siren distraction. Mr Hume is one of the most dangerous men in Ireland because he is a mirage, the Bishoo Muzorewa of Northern Ireland. His embrace - ever tender to British liberals - is ruinous to realistic policy-making.

Only the extremes can deliver. Realism will dawn when the extremes come in from the cold to deal. If a means could be found to exclude the SDLP and the moderate Unionists from the Commons — an Oath of Moderatist Supremacy, perhaps? — then I might, after all, and despite everything I have just written, incline to the use of the Commons Swearing-In ceremony as a political tool.

the social capitalist John Lloyd finds Labour in tune with

Mr Straw

an American guru

went through a red light recently. I was on my bike, it was a quiet Sunday morning and it was at one of those intersections where both sets of lights are set red while pedestrians are urged to cross by small green men.

There were no pedestrians.

I pedalled through. A police car shot out of a housing estate and flagged me down. "Do you agree that you went through a red light?" asked the constable. He was Scots, as am I. Thickening an eroded accent, I replied: "I agree, but there was no applicate about so." therre wasnae anybody about, so . . . "Let me tell you your rights," he said.
"You have the same right as everybody
else to stop at a red traffic light."Then he
got back into his car and zipped off.

That was, I take it, zero policing. It has been extraordinarily effective. For the past three weeks I have been stopping at every light, even as other cyclists stream through, looking at me (exercising my

rights) with scorn.

The incident happened in old Tory Britain. Had it been in new Labour Britain. I would have expected treatment at least as summary — but I would have been aggrieved if the stern caution had not been followed up by a visit from a social worker enquiring if the cause of my crime was not perhaps that cause of my crime was not, perhaps, that

my life was so stressed and harried that I felt constrained to flout the law.

For this — in less trivial forms, of course — is what new Labour promises. Social order is to be kept not by mere punitive methods, but by punishment allied to remedy. The main remedy is work, or education for work: a large rationale for welfare to work measures is that they will cope with rampaging young males. The main features of being "tough on crime, mugh on the causes of crime" have been rehearsed explicitly in America, and implicitly and sketchily by the Tories in government. Both, however, put much more emphasis on punishment than Labour yet has.

But the radical thing here is that Labour is doing it. This is the party that has been generally considered, and has considered itself, to be liberal on social and moral issues. When the Conservatives get tough on crime, it is par for the course, but now Labour is proclaiming that it is the working class and the poor themselves who demand protection. It is making clear that there is no practical alternative to discipline and order.

Jack Straw promises that his forth-coming Crime Bill will include rapid sentencing for young offenders, the imposition of criminal responsibility on children over ten, one caution in place of several, and the criminalisation of this merely in terms of competitive political virility is to miss much of the point. Mr Straw is in the grip of a tidalwave of juvenile crime, against which he must now erect what barriers he can.

The Government must — to use the American social scientist Francis Fukuyama's phrase — attempt to reconstruct social capital. Fukuyama, who has been giving the Tanner Lectures in Oxford, believes that social capital is what keeps states on the moral rails. Where government is limited and society free, it is essential in retaining both order and civility.

Social capital resides in responsible associations — in families that function decently, in voluntary organisations, in organised religion, in friendship networks. Crucial to it is the idea that the moral sense should not differentiate too sharply between an in-group - such as a family — and the society. Where there is a radical differentiation, mafia societies arise, in which the family is treated with exaggerated honour and society is contemptuously preyed upon. Societies with social capital are more or less decent to more or less everyone.

ocial capital, he believes — and in some moods the Prime Minister follows him in this — has been leached away since the 1960s, the time when family roles came under radical attack, when women began moving rapidly into the workforce, when tradition was vilified, when vast projects of social reform in housing in welfare, in the promotion of equality, really got going. For Fukuyama, much of the task of any government in the democratic states is to repair the damage done by progressives of the 1960s and 1970s. New Labour privately concedes that this is one of its roles. In that sense, it is making war on its old Labour legacy.

Pukuyama is sceptical about governments being able to do very much in the recreation, or reinvention, of social capital. New Labour is optimistic that is much of what it is about. Optimism is part of what made the party attractive and got elected. Labour may be nearer the mark than he. In New Zealand, for example, an innovation known as Family Group Conferences - in which police and social workers attempt to deal with young criminals by convening meetings of families as extended as possible and of the criminal's victims and their families

has worked, it is said, relatively well.

The idea came from Maori practice: Labour is to try something similar.

Having lost the progressive inge to reform by massive project, our govern-ments are now drawn back to improve by selective reworking at a smaller scale. That sometimes involves harking back to earlier societies, even to buried ones, and recovering practices that might be refurbished for our times. We have, in any case, little choice but to try to construct new stores of social capital. having been careless with those bequeathed to us. Labour may not know P·H·S | quite how to do it — no one does — but it is plugging away as it can.

No support

at the Conservative Club in Huntingdon, John Major's Cambridgeshire constituency. It is to close due to lack of support. This was where the former PM and his family celebrated the various landmarks in his career with local stalwarts. Now, the only thing as bitter as the angostura are the old members.

This is a sad day for all of us," says the club's chairman, Roger Juggins. The club has been a focal part of the community life in Huntingdon and will be greatly missed. We have lost a lot of our older members in recent years and the youngsters are not interested Membership at the club had

declined below 100, and in 1994 the club was revealed to have debts of £20,000. Despite various attempts to keep it going, the large Victorian building will in three weeks time cease to be a haven for the local moustaches and blazers.

Juggins has informed the for-mer PM of the closure. How did he take it? "He has far bigger things to worry about at the moment," says Juggins. "We are all disappointed but this is no reflection on Mr Major's popularity."

his old watering hole, the Chelsea Arts Club. Already on the menu is the "Laurie Lee Special", a microwaved mix of potato, mayonnaise and chicken, best accompanied by a can of Lee's favourite Purdeys. There are now plans for a commemorative statue in the garden.

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JOHN COLE, the BBC's former political correspondent, has just



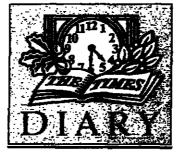
finished his first novel. "There's a lot of philosophy in it and just a bit of politics," he said at the launch of A Personal History. a memoir by Katharine Graham, owner of The Washington Post, at the Athenaeum club on Wednesday.
"I've finished it, but I'm terrified

of showing it to anyone. I would like to keep it in a drawer or something and hope that it's found after I die." So, will it be in the Michael Dobbs or Jeffrey Archer genre of political novels? His Ulster accent growing thicker than a bog mist, he growls: "Compare me to those two and you'll get a firm smack."

 So much for new Labour informality. For his party last Friday for journalists and Treasury officials. Gordon Brown wanted prop-er invitations to be sent out. His department suggested that at such short notice perhaps a ring around would be better. Brown, wever, was insistent. He wanted thick, creamy embossed cards. So out they went - with no hope of reaching their recipients until days after the party.

In the soup

DESPITE the purgatorial embarrassment of their performance on Have I Got News For You, Neil and Christine Hamilton will soon



back on television in Can't Stand the Heat, a Carlton cooking programme. Mrs H will be doing the cooking while her husband looks on gormlessly. "Neil is hope-less," she explains.

Mrs Hamilton's menu has a

edictable political theme: Paté Margarite, named after Baroness Thatcher, made from spinach, an-chovies and hard boiled eggs; then an election soup made from beans inspired, presumably, by all that interminable political wind.

Wat not

I SHOULD have known better than to liken Darius Guppy to Wat Tyler, champion of the Peasants' Revolt. In my piece of March 24, I recounted how Guppy had sued his publisher. Blake Publishing, for being slow in paying the on his book, Roll the Dice. I now gather that the writ was issued only eleven days after the money

was due.

The delay was because on publication day, Blake received a libel threat from an acquaintance of Guppy's. Not surprisingly, Blake was slowish in forking out, as Guppy had agreed to deliver a em-free manuscript. Regrettably, by the time of my piece. Guppy's lawyers had received the missing money — the libel threat having been dealt with — and the only outstanding matter was the question of legal costs and interest, which was why Guppy's lawyers were after Blake's assets. Profuse apologies to Blake Publishing. which still has the film rights to the book.

Brushwork

THERE will be an interloper at the big exhibition of Brazilian art at Thompson's gallery in Dover Street next month — in the shape of Aurora Eastwood, 19, a rising polo star and an outdoorsy firstyear student at Cirencester Agricultural College.

Two of her paintings of polo matches, priced at £200, will hang alongside works by some of Brazil's best-known painters, which could sell for up to £300,000. last instalment of the advance Among admirers of her work is



Lord Bath, a close friend and neighbour in Wiltshire, and amateur artist himself. Miss Eastwood's, however, may

well be one of the art world's shorter careers. "I took my easel along to the matches last sea-son," she says, "but I've decided that it's more fun playing than

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COURT CIRCULAR

Countess of Snowdon today visited the Tri-National Tornado Training Establishment, Royal Air Force

Her Royal Highness was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lond-Lieutenant of Rutland (Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy).

May 15. The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon opened the refur-bished St Mary's Church Homes Almshouses, Church Garden, and

afterwards opened the Tawny Close Almshouses, Tawny Close, Ealing, London W13. The Duchess of Gloucester, Pa-

from this evening attended an Evening of Opera in aid of the Notting Hill Housing Trust at Kensington Palace State

May 15. The Duke of Kent, Patron, British Menswear Guild, this afternoon attended the Annual

Luncheon at the Royal Automobile Club. Pall Mail. London SW1.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

tron, this afternoon visited Lee House, Wimbledon, at 2 Lancaster

The Queen has been pleased, on the recommendation of the Lord Strathclyde (Captain), to make the

following promotion in and appointment to Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable

Corps of Gentlemen at Arms: Major Mervyn Colenso-Jones to be

Harbinger in succession to Major

Colonel Sir Charles Lowther, Bt.

late Queen's Royal Irish Hussars.

to be one of Her Majesty's Body Guard upon the promotion of Major Mervyn Colenso-Jones.

Sir Philip Duncombe, Bt.

Avenue, London SW19.

YORK HOUSE

KENSINGTON PALACE

CKINGHAM PALACE ay 15: Mr Peter Longley (Deputy utenant of West Sussex) was sent at Gatwick Airport. ndon, this morning upon the nature of the Governor-Gen-il of Grenada and Lady Wil-ms and bade farewell to Their cellencies on behalf of The

ICKINGHAM PALACE ay 15: The Duke of York this orning visited the City of Oak-ul. California.

His Royal Highness later at-ided a Reception and Luncheon ken by the Mayor of Oakland at e Kaiser Centre. The Duke of York this afternoon

ited Claremont Middle School. His Royal Highness this even ng attended a Dinner at the Fine

rts Museum. San Francisco, ven by the Board of Trustees. UCKINGHAM PALACE lay 15: The Princess Royal this iorning visited Royal Air Force

righy, Lincoln. Her Royal Highness this afteroon opened the new printing actory at the British Printing ompany. Wigman Road, Aspley. loningham, and was received by Ter Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Jortinghamshire (Sir Andrew Bu-

T JAMES'S PALACE 1ay 15: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning received the Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall (Mr John James).

His Royal Highness this after-tion held a Reception for the Hereford Cathedral Perpetual

CENSINGTON PALACE
Viay 15: The Princess Margaret,

The Princess Royal, as Patron,

Dunn Nutrition Unit, will visit MRC Dunn Clinical Nutrition

Centre. Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge at 10.30: as President.

The Princess Royal Trust for

Carers, will visit Peterborough and Fenland Carers Centre, 51 Broad-

way. Peterborough. at 12.45; will

attend a reception at the Town Hall at 1.05; and as Patron, SENSE - The National Deafblind

and Rubella Association, will open the "Reachout" Project, 32A Broadgate Lane. Deeping St

James, Lincolnshire, at 2.25.

Baroness Park of Monmouth

Reception

Today's royal

engagements

School news

Birkdale School. Sheffield

Scholarship Awards As a result of the recent Scholar-ship Examinations the following Sixth Form Scholarships Major: Deepika Yerrakalva, Eckington School.

Eckington School.

Minor: Andrew Low, Birkdale;
Daniei Peel, Birkdale: Andrew
Richardson, Birkdale: Andrew
Richardson, Birkdale: Ayres.
Brantwood School: Robert Cowle, St
Mary's School, Doncaster: Elizabeth
Cullis, Sheffleid High School.

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Major: Michael Sawkins. Birkdale Prep. Minor: William ... 11+ Scholarship r: William Swales, Birkdale Exhibitions: Edward Frost, Birkdale Prep: Martin Lowes, Totley All Saints.

Edgbaston High School

Baroness Park of Monmouth, Baroness Jay of Paddington and The Council of Edgbaston High Baroness White gave a reception School for Girls is pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Elizabeth Mullenger to be Head-mistress with effect from January yesterday in the House of Lords in honour of Somerville College. Oxford. The Principal, Dame Fiona It. 1998. Miss Mullenger is presently the Headmistress of St James' and The Abbey at West Malvern, Worcestershire. from Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, FRS, and

Today's birthdays

Canon Reginald Askew, former Dean. King's College London, 69: Mrs Rosie Barnes, chief executive, Cystic F. rosis, 51; Mr Phil Clarke, rugby league player, 26: Sir Colin Cole, former Garter Principal King of Arms. 75: Mr Don Concannon, former MP, 67; Miss Judy Finnigan, broadcaster, 49: Sir Nicholas Goodison, deputy chairman, Lloyds TSB Group, 63: Mr Roy Hudd, comedian, 61; Sir Dawda Jawara, former President of The Gambia, 73: Mr Geraint Jones, organist. 80: Mr Christian Lacroix, fashion designer, 46: Major-General Sir Desmond Langley. 67: Professor Peter Levi. poet and archaeologist, 66; Mr David Maclean, MP, 44; Mr Stephen

Maran, group director, Savings and Investment Division, Lloyds TSB Group, 57: Professor K.O. Morgan, FBA, former Vice-Chancellor. University of Wales, 63; Professor Gareth Roberts, FRS, Vice-Chancellor, Sheffield University. 57: Miss Gabriela Sabatini, tennis player. 27: the Right Rev Kenneth Skelton, former Bishop of Lichfield, 79; Mr Nigel Twiston-Davies, racehorse trainer, 40; Mr John Walford, former president Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal, 70; General Sir Antony Walker, 63; Sir Charles Wilson, former Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Glasgow University, 88: Sir Russell Wood, former Deputy Treasurer to the Oueen, 75.

Did tribal rebellion spur the Romans to build Hadrian's Wall?

Tombstone gives new clue to revolt

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

A TOMBSTONE found at Vindolanda Roman fort in Northumberland has thrown new light on an uprising against the Emperor Hadrian in the second century AD.

The inscription on the stone

implies that the insurrection, long believed to have started in Wales, may have begun much further North, close to the place where Hadrian began building the wall a couple of years later. Discovered during excava-

tions at the commanding officer's house, the stone commemorates a centurion who died in the uprising.

It reads: To the shades of the immortal gods, Titus Annius, a legionary centuri-

on, acting commander of the first cohort of Tungrians." Other parts of the inscription cannot be deciphered, but the words "interfectus in bellum"
- "he was killed in the war" are clearly visible.

From other hints the stone

has been dated to March or April 119 AD - around the same time as the rebellion but hundreds of miles further north than originally thought. It was found during excavations led by the Director of the Vindolanda Trust, Robin Birley, and the inscription analysed by his brother Tony Birley, a professor at the University of Dusseldorf.

The inscription we have found is extremely important." Robin Birley says. "It is very rare to be able to link a find to a known historical event

"It was known that there had been a serious rebellion in Britain in the years 117 AD to 119 AD. This suggests that



the rebellion, in the early part of Emperor Hadrian's reign, was in fact in the North and

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not in Wales as was thought. There is no evidence to suggest exactly where the battle was but it couldn't have been far away. Only three years later Hadrian visited Britain and built the wall. The find helps explain why he built the wall and where he

He said that the rebellion could have been by the Brigantian tribe, who occupied the Pennines and southwest Scotland, or by a lesser tribe from further north.

The stone was found during the excavation of a building of much later date, a huge heated hall built in the 4th century AD over the site of the villa used by the com-manding officer of the Vindolanda fort. In building the hall, the troops responsible used material they scav-

enged from the cemetery at

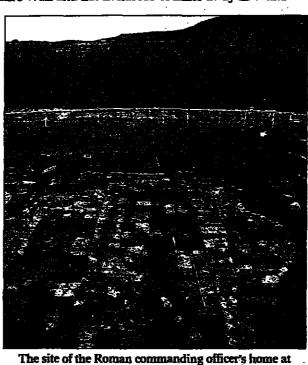
Vindolanda. Two ornament-

ed columns that held up the mausoleum roof were also

Mr Birley said: "When they built it, they raided the cemetery at Vindolanda and demolished a very fine mausoleum. The memorial stone would have been above the entrance. They have a much higher standard of carving than you would expect from the auxiliary regiment based here and it is almost certainly legionary

That dating of the stone is based on the name of a consul mentioned on it. Only a single word is visible Italicus — but it states that the man was serving as consul in Britain for the third time. That means he must have been Platorius Nepos, Mr Birley says, one of whose names was Italicus. He was a

friend of Hadrian's. The excavations are expected to continue for the next



Vindolanda where the stone was discovered

Memorial service

Mr Cotin Welch Mr Colin Welch
A service of thanksgiving for the
life of Mr Colin Welch was held
yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street.
Canon John Oates officiated and
Mrs T.E. Utley read the lesson.
Mr Nicholas Welch read from
The Dreadful Fate of Smethwick Two, Mr Charles Moore, Editor of

The Daily Telegraph, read from Within our Sausage Skins, Mr Paul Johnson read Christmas 1944 and Mr Craig Brown read An Undignified Incident, all by Colin. Welch. Mr John O'Sullivan gave an address.

Florence Welch sang the song of Yum-Yum from The Mikado by Gilbert and Sullivan. Among oth-

Gilbert and Sullivan. Among others present were.

Mrs Welch, Mrs Nicholas Welch.
Grace Welch. Mrs Craig Brown.
Tallulah Brown, Silas Brown. Mr Kit
Wharton. Miss Jane Wharton.
Lord Deedes (The Dally Telegraph)
With Mr Kim Fletcher (Deputy
Editor. The Sunday Telegraph), Mr
Frank Johnson (Editor. The
Spectator) and other past and
present members of staff.
Lord Rees-Mogg, Lord Burnharn,
Lord Harris of High Cross, Sir Iain
and Lady Gildewell, Sir Timothy
Raison. Mrs Enoch Powell, Mr
Richard Ryder, the Hon Mrs Edward
Brown. Sir Michael and Lady Hogg.
Mr and Mrs Ferdinand Mount.
Sir Edward Pickering (Nepresident, Times Newspapers) with
Mr Philip Howard. Mr Graham
Paterson. Mr Danlei Johnson and
other members of staff: Sir John
and Lady Page. Sir Simon Towneley,
Sir Peregrine Worsthorne. Sir Colin
Campbell, Sir Kenneth Bradishaw,
Sir Peter Tapsell, MP, Lady Ayer, Sir
Philip and Lady Goodhart.
Mr Vyvyan Harmsworth (also
representing the Chairman of Daily
Mail and General Trust) with Mr
Robin Esser (also representing the
Editor, Dally Maill, Mr Andrew

Alexander (City Editor). Mr David Hughes (Chief Political Editor) and other members of the group): Mr Richard Addis (Editor, The Express) with Mr John McEntee and other members of staft.

Mr Alan Waikins (Independent on Sunday), Mr David McKie and Mr Michael White (The Guardian), Mr Auberon Waugh (The Literary Review), Mr Peter Willoughby (Press Galler), PA News), Capitain John Richards (Royal Lincolnshire Regiment) and Mrs Richards.

Mrs Charles Moore. Mr Ricky Marsh, Mr Kenneth Rose, Mrs Paul Johnson, Mr Paula Johnson, Mr Tom Utley, Mr Charles Utley. Miss Catherine Lilley & Virginia Lilley.

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Jane Bray, Mrs N Addis, Mr Bryan
McAllister, Miss Maureen Laker,
Miss Joan Wrennall, Mrs Peggle
Barry, Major-General Glyn Gilbert,
Mrs Ian Colvin, Mr Nicholas
Underhill, QC, and Miss Nina
Grunfeid, Mr Keith Jenkins.
Mr Peter Hitchens, Ms Cella
Haddon, Mr Mark Anony, Mr
Michael Watts, Miss Elizabeth Jane
Howard, Mr Brian Nicholson, Mr
Robert Elphick, Mr Peter Vansktart,
Mr Peter Paterson, Mr Derwent
May, Mr David Bradberry, Mr M J
Lasky, Mr Oliver Lasky, Miss Sally
Dunktey, Mr Claus von Bulow, Mr
Peter Aikinson, Dr Robert Orr, Mr
James Hughes-Onslow, Mrs John
Metcali, Mr Arthur Goodhan,
Mr David Goodhan, Mr George
Clark
Miss Mary Sackville-West, Mr
Rick Miller, Mrs Lasn Wheeler

Mr David Goodhar, Mr George Clark.

Miss Mary Sackville-West, Mr Bruce Millar, Mrs Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Mr Kenneth Minogue, Miss Claire Colvin, Mr Anthony Lefeune, Mr Ian Romer, Mr D E Baptiste, Mr Adam Shand Kydd, Mr Geoffrey Wheatcrott, Mr John Egan, Mr David Long, Mr Robin Baird-Smith, Mr George Evans, Mr John Grigsty, Mr David Loshak, Mr J W M Thompson, Mr John Cockroft, Mr Tony Marshall, Mr Brian Vine, Mr and Mrs Patrick Cosgrave, Mrs John Sedgwick and many other friends and former colleagues.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Dudley North, finan-cier. London, 1641; John Sell Cotman, landscape painter, Nor-Reform Club wich, 1782, David Hughes, pioneer of telephony, London, 1831; Rich-ard Tauber, tenor, Linz, 1892; Henry Fonda, actor, Grand Island, Nebraska, 1905; Woody Herman, musician, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1913; Liberace, pianist, West Allis, Wisconsin, 1919.

DEATHS: Pietro da Cortona, painter and architect, Rome, 1669; stories. Paris, 1703; Jean Baptiste Fourier, mathematician, Paris, 1830: Sir Edmund Gosse, critic, London, 1928: Bronislaw Malinowski, anthropologist, New Haven, Connecticut, 1942.

The Kentucky Derby was first run at Louisville, 1875. The first film Oscars were pre sented in Los Angeles, 1929.

"Bouncing bombs" invented by Dr Barnes Wallis were dropped on the Valley, 1943. The Russian spacecraft Venus 5 touched down on Venus, 1969.

Lecture Royal Society

Professor Steven Ley, FRS, Professor of Organic Chemistry, Cambridge University, delivered the Bakerian lecture to the Royal Society yesterday at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Sir Aaron Klug, OM, PRS, was in the chair.

Dinners

Mrs Mary Robinson, President of the Republic of Ireland, gave an address at a dinner of the Reform Club held yesterday at the club-house to mark the 150th anniversary of the death of Daniel O'Connor. Among those present

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Mr Nicholas Robinson, the
Ambassador of the Republic of
Ireland and Mrs Barrington, Lord
Weatherill, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead,
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EPA the Hon Peers Propice, CH, MP. roa, the non Peter Brooke, CH. MP. Dame Margaret Booth, Dame Betty Ridiey. Dr. Garret FitzGerald. Mrs Barbara Beck Coulter, Dr. Daniel O'Connell, Mr Daniel O'Connell and Ms Bride Rosney. Lincola's Inn

The Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn. Sir Maurice Drake, and the Masters of the Bench gave a dinner in Hall last night, it being Grand Day of Easter Term. Among others

Easter Term. Among others present were: The High Commissioner for India. the Lord Chief Justice, the Bishop of St. Albans. Lord Nicholis of Birkenhead (treasurer. Middle Temple), Lord Cooke of Thomdon, Lord Justice Staughton (treasurer. Inner Temple), the Hon Lady Goodhart. Lady Drake, Admiral Sir Peter Abbott. Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns. Sir Rodney Sweetnam, Dame Jocelyn Barrow, Major General Patrick MacLellan, Group Captain John Cunningham. Dreter North, FBA. Miss Esther Rantzen, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mp Mr Max Mosley, Miss Anneka Rice, Mr Richard Falmer. Rabbi Jacqueline Tabbick. Captain P M Carver. RN (under treasurer) and Colonel D H Hills (under treasurer designate).

Army Board General Sir Roger Wheeler, Chief of the General Staff, was the host at a dinner given by the Army

Board last night at the Royal Hospital Chelsea to meet General David Bramlett, Commanding General, United States Army Forces Command. Among others

process Community. Among others present were:

Mrs Bramiett, Lady Wheeler, Gerteral Sir Michael and Lady Walter, General Sir Brian and Lady Kenny, Lieusenant-General Sir Sam and Lady Cowan, Lieutenant-General Sir Robert and Lady Hayman-Joyce, Sir Robert and Lady Hayman-Joyce, Sir Robert and Lady Annesier, Mr and Mrs Roger-Jackling, Coloniel Stephen Westbrook, Captain James Mader, Mr Peter Westmacok, Captain James Mader, Mr Peter Westmacok, Lady Mrs Melon-General and

Commodore Ian Gibb. Inaugura Captain of the Oriana and Elder Brother of Trinity House, was the principal guest at the monthly dinner of the Anchorites beld last night at the Café Royal. Commodore A.D. Barrett, president, was in the chair.

Parish Clerks' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Parish Clerks' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr O.W.H. Clark; Upper Warden, Mr J. D. Hebblethwaite Under Warden, Mr W.H. Dove

University news

Stirling
Joo Nixon has been appointed to a
Chair in Education in the Faculty of Human Sciences from July I.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.D. Allam and Miss S.M. Evans

and Miss S.M. Evans
The engagement is announced
between Steven, only son of Dr
and Mrs Derek Allam, of
Chineham, Hampshire, and
Susannah, elder daughter of
Commander and Mrs Antony
Evans, of Sution Wick, Somerset. Dr M.S. Bulpitt and Dr N.K. Daws

The engagement is announced between Mark Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs Roger Bulpitt, of Downderry, Cornwall, and Nicola Kathleen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Dawson. of Bayswater, Landon Wall.

Mr G.R. Chambers and Miss H-M. Chia-Piao The engagement is announced. from Hong Kong, between Guy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Chambers, of Fernhurst. Haslemere, and Hsiu-Mei, eldest daughter of the late Mr Cheng Chia-Piao, of Pingtung County, Taiwan.

Mr A.C. Lawrence and Miss N.M. Sinclair and Miss N.M. Sinclair
The engagement is announced between Andrew Charles, son of Mrs Virginia Lawrence, of Blackpool, and Nicola Marie, youngest daughter of Mr Timothy Sinclair, of London, and Mrs Armie-Lou Sinclair, of Support of

Sinclair, of Surrey. Mr O.J. Strachan and Miss C.J. Wills The engagement is announced between Oliver James, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Strachan, of Hong Kong, and Claire Jessica, daughter of the late Mr Derek Wills and of Mrs Marjorie Wills, of Woolton, Liverpool.

Marriages

Dr M.A. Anderson and Miss E.M. Biron The marriage took place in Taunton, on Saturday, April 26, 1997, between Dr Mark Anderson and Miss Elizabeth Biron. Mr R. Head and Miss S. Howgego

and wiss S. Howege on Sat-urday, May 10, 1997, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Childrey, Oxfordshire, of Mr Rollo Head to

Miss Sophie Howgego. The Rev Alan Wadge officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Mrs Victoria Maxwell. Mr Marcus Langlands Pearse wa

A reception was held at the home of the bridegroom and the honey-moon will be spent abroad. Mr L.G. Stopford Sackville and Mrs E.M. Stoddart

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The marriage took place in London, on May 12, 1997, of Lionel Stopford Sackville to Mary Stoddart.

Latest wills

Christopher John Leslie Rogers, of West Charleton, Kingsbridge, Devon, left estate valued at E2,751,730 net. John Bosworth Wakeford, o

Daventry, Northamptonshire, left estate valued at £2,086,545 net. John Moss, retired grocer, of valued at £1,145,925 net. David Mullock, of London NI, left estate valued at £1,015,142 net. Edgar George Saunders, of Ayles

bury, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £1,229,212 net. Arthur Edward Sawyer, of Holme

Arthur Edward Sawyer, of Holme on Spalding Moor, Yorkshire, left estate valued at El. 1977,969 net. He left El. 2000 each to St John's Methodist Church, Market Weighton, the Yorkshire Campaign; the Sue Ryder Home at Holme-on-Spalding, Moor, RNIB, Guide Dogs for the Blind, and the Campain! Williage Trust Botton village: £400 each to All Saints Parish Church, Market Weighton, All Hallows Parish Church, Goodmanham and the Local District Nurses Fund.

Chaika Ann Segal, of London SWI, left estate valued at £1,259,448 net. Elsie Mary Shepherd, of Sheffield, left estate valued at £1,027,438 net. Alfred Graham Skinner, of London Wil, left estate valued at LONGORY WIL, IERT ESTATE VALUED AT EL, 465,741 net. He left shares in his estate to Oundle Rovers Cricket Club, Buckinghamshire CCC, RSPCA, PDSA, St Dunstan's, Cancer Research Campaign, Holland Park, Lawn Tennis Ciub and Oatlands Park Cricket Club.

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THE TIMES

IRELAND'S CHOICE

Left and Right, not green and greener

For most of the life of the Irish State, its United Kingdom. So far, he has used that politics have been skewed by civil war divisions and made more complex by the voting system. This election offers an escape from the past. Competition between Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, has given Ireland some impressive Prime Ministers such as Sean Lemass and the incumbent, John Bruton. It has, however, also denied voters the clear choice between Right and Left available in other modern European states. In the coming campaign there will be a multitude of parties but two coherent alternatives, a centre-Left Government or a centre-Right opposition.

The current Government is not one Ireland's voters chose. It is the choice of one man — Dick Spring, the leader of the Irish Labour Party and Tralee's answer to Hans-Dietrich Genscher. Like the former German Foreign Minister, the current Irish Foreign Minister has allowed the voters their say and then blithely made and unmade governments as it suited him, exploiting the leverage afforded by Ireland's system of proportional representation.

Now, however, the playboy of the Dail has settled down, albeit with two partners. To his great credit, Mr Spring has lashed himself to his allies in the current centre-Left coalition, the liberal Fine Gael party and the post-Marxist Democratic Left. His stance has forced the opposition parties, the populist Fianna Fail and right-wing Progressive Democrats, to coalesce into a centre-Right bloc. The resulting clarity of the choice not only helps the voter cast his ballot, it should confer on the next government in Dublin a proper mandate.

The authority such a mandate might confer could help advance the peace process in Northern Ireland. The scale of Tony-Blair's victory has strengthened his hand in Ulster, as elsewhere in the governance of the democracy will be the winner.

strength wisely. Republicans have been forcefully reminded that an unambiguous ceasefire is an absolute precondition of their inclusion in talks. Unionist leaders have been assured that the opinions of Ulster's democratic majority will be paramount. At the same time, determination has been shown in dealing with contentious parades.

It is one of the benefits of the patient diplomacy that underpinned the peace process that those who wish to see the rights of Ulster's Unionists respected should now want a strong government in Dublin. Uncertainty is the oxygen of terrorism. If doubts exist, whether about Ulster's security within the UK or the longevity and determination of governments in London or Dublin, then the extremists will exploit it.

Whatever their flaws, and they are imperfect drafts for the future, the Downing Street Declaration and Framework Documents on the future of Northern Ireland have created a consensus for consent among Dublin politicians. Fine Gael, the Democratic Left and the Progressive Democrats have always been unsentimental and undeceived about the Provisionals.

Fianna Fail, who may form the bulk of the next government, has different traditions. It has republican roots and supporters of the deepest green but its conversion to the peace process is not superficial. Its leaders are now committed to working with the British Government to find a settlement in Ulster which wins the consent of the Province's Unionist people. Far from using power to browbeat Unionists, a Fianna Fail government could use it decisively against the real impediments to progress — the irreconcil-ables of the IRA Ireland's voters, and Ulster's people, should be confident that, whatever this election's result, modern

MOBUTU'S FINAL HOURS

A sick man, deaf to reason, wants to leave his trail of blood

With Laurent Kabila's insurgent army serve. The wily old ruler has used this tactic already closing in on Kinshasa, President Mandela has made a last attempt to avert a bloodbath. The South African leader, the only man with sufficient prestige and political weight to intervene in Zaire's civil war, has invited both sides for more talks in Cape Town. But there now seems little. prospect of any success. Mr Mandela, blinded by his own high standards to the simess of contlicts elsewhere on the continent, is counting on the logic of goodwill that does not exist. The only logic for the insurgents is to win and destroy the power and, if necessary, the person of President Mobutu. The only logic of the dying dicator is hubris: if he cannot retain absolute power, he will sacrifice his supporters and his capital in his fall.

The difficulty for the international community is how to avert further bloodshed. The best solution would be the unopposed victory of Mr Kabila's forces. They have already marched almost the breadth of the vast country meeting only token opposition. In most cases, the unpaid rag-tag Zairean army has simply melted away, and villages have welcomed the Tutsi-dominated army as liberators. But now they stand on the outskirts of Kinshasa, and some units of Mobutu's army are ready to fight - not because they have the discipline or motivation of professional soldiers, but because they are themselves so steeped in corruption, plunder and murder that they fear bloody revenge from the people whom they have abused.

The greater danger, however, is not that there will be set battles between the Mobutu and Kabila forces; such skirmishes would quickly be over. The fear is that Mobutu's henchmen will run amok within Kinshasa at the instigation of the man they nominally

with some success in the past to intimidate his enemies. He may now be hoping that chaos and bloodshed will prompt foreign intervention, and that in the confusion he will be able to rally his supporters and undermine the standing and power of the The West is fully prepared for this

eventuality. The BBC has been broadcasting es to those britons remaining in Kinshasa urging them to leave. A wellequipped British military force on the other side of the Congo river has been practising the rapid evacuation of Britons and other foreigners who may be trapped in any fighting. International agencies are already sending out personnel and packing away their equipment. The city, deserted as its residents go on general strike, awaits. fearful, for the marauding soldiers.

Even at this late stage there are some, especially in the corridors of the Quai d'Orsay, who believe that they can prevail on President Mobutu to leave in peace. They should study more closely the mentality of a man who has bled his country of money, of lives and of dignity. If he had wanted to take up Mr Kabila's offer of a chance to go into exile, he could have done so. He could have remained in Gabon, where he went with delusions that his fellow francophone leaders would come to his aid. But he is a sick man, deaf now to reason. Like the Nazis in the bunker who believed against the odds. that the war could yet be won, Mobutu and his clan are determined to hold on to the trappings of office. Their fall is inevitable; when it happens the outside world must send a clear message to Mr Kabila that the vengeance and bloodshed must be halted immediately.

MUNICIPAL GLORIES

Lottery money will help restore Britain's public parks

in its attempt to pour its bounty on popular causes that benefit ordinary people, the National Lottery yesterday made a magnificent choice. The Heritage Lottery Fund announced a massive £57 million grant to rescue many of Britain's municipal parks from the dereliction and squalor into which they have fallen over the past 20 years. The money will be spent on new benches and promenades, repairing fences and replanting flowerbeds. Most importantly, money will also be available to reinstate resident park-keepers, the vanishing guardians of Britain's urban green spaces. It was their dismissal, axed by local authority budget cuts, that delivered the coup de grâce. Former botanical masterpieces, focal points for civic pride and community spirit, were abandoned to vandals, drug dealers, muggers and weeds.

Municipal parks were created by Victorian pride and well-intentioned philanthropy. Many were founded a century ago, when grimy northern towns were reaping the rewards of booming exports. The parks were not only intended to impress and include the Victorian passion for nature and botany; they were also designed as refuges from smoky tenements, where poorer families could enjoy a little of the fresh air and sun that had all but disappeared from industrial Britain. They included bandstands, ornamental bridges and even the occasion pagoda where the young and the elderly could enjoy their few hours of free time.

Indeed, Victorian planners so impressed visitors that other countries followed suit. Birkenhead Park in Liverpool, one of the first sights for those arriving on the ships from America, was the inspiration for New York's Central Park. The British took their green ideas abroad with them, and capital cities around the Empire were laid out with formal gardens and fountains. Exotic plants and unusual trees found their way back to Britain; even cemeteries became places where families could pay pious visits among the shrubs and well-tended graves.

The Second World War did untold damage to city parks. Railings were ripped up, lawns and beds were ploughed and ornate park buildings abandoned after bombing. With the postwar flight to the suburbs, parks were no longer the meeting point for the middle classes. Bands no longer played on Sundays. Winter gardens fell into disuse. spa towns were abandoned by those fleeing to Mediterranean sun and commercial dev-

elopment crowded these once open spaces. Civic pride, however, has not died, and parks are enjoying a resurgence of interest. thanks to nostalgic appreciation of Victoriana, a new interest in urban heritage and the green movement. But without money to restore and maintain this great legacy, parks would have been written off as eyesores inhabited by drunks, best converted into shopping malls. The Heritage Fund now has a chance to spearhead a national revival of Britain's urban lungs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

Lessons of former leadership polls

From Sir William Shelton

Sir, I have nothing but admiration for the present six candidates for the Conservative leadership (letters, May 3, 7, 9, 14, 15). However, they are all, rightly or wrongly, associated with the problems of the past administration - except perhaps John Redwood.

I regret that John Major decided to announce his withdrawal as leader so soon. It is a pity, as William Rees-Mogg says ("Exhausted volcances", May 15), that some arrangement could not be made to enable Christopher Patten to enter the lists: an outstanding chairman of the Conservative Party, an excellent parliamentarian, ex-Governor of Hong Kong — and completely unassociated with the defeated administration.

I also note that there are calls for the participation of Conservative associations. My view is that only those who have worked in the House of Commons with the candidates can reach a balanced judgment. When the late Airey Neave and I together organised Margaret Thatcher's campaign for the Conservative leadership in 1975, the views of Conservative peers and constituency associations were sought and conveyed to all Conservative MPs, but they had no vote.

It is my recollection that a large majority supported the retention of Edward Heath as leader. Enough

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM SHELTON (Conservative MP, 1970-92). Manor House, Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire.

From Sir Robert Rhodes James

Sir, In your front-page report of May 10 an unnamed chairman of a Conservative association claims that in November 1990 the associations were "100 per cent" in support of Margaret Thatcher.

In Cambridge the chairman of my association conducted a secret ballot of the officers and consulted my successor as candidate and our president. The result was 12 votes for Thatcher, six for Heseltine, and 12 for a change of leader (a kind of "anyone but Thatcher" vote). In fact it was even worse for Thatcher after I had consulted former officers of the association and some genuine Conservative activists; they were almost unanimously in

favour of a change of leadership. I was frankly surprised by the extent of the hostility in my association to the then Prime Minister, but went to London on the Monday still undecided. The events of the next 24 hours convinced me that the clear majority opinion in my association was the right one.

One of the extraordinary features of that turnultuous weekend was that with the exception of a long telephone call from a distraught lady who loathed Heseltine I did not receive one call or message from anyone, in the constituency or outside, urging me to vote for Thatcher. As I was a waverer this was all the more astonishing, as had I resisted my association's manifest opinion and voted for her she might well have survived on the first ballot.

The legend of the "100 per cent" support for Thatcher in the Conservative associations requires challenging before it becomes sanctified as historical

I am. Sir. etc ROBERT RHODES JAMES Conservative MP for Cambridge. The Stone House, Great Gransden, Sandy, Bedfordshire. May 10.

Choice of Camelot

From the Director General of the National Lottery

Sir, Your continuing critical opinion of me as the Director General of the National Lottery (leading article, May 13) may be legitimate journalism. Your repeated inaccurate reporting, inter alia, of the circumstances surrounding my choice of Camelot as the operator of the National Lottery, is

"Lottery shake-up seeks to abolish giant profits" (report, May 12) alleges that the Director General "was forced to defend himself against claims that the hospitality had influenced his decision to award the contract".

The sequence of events demonstrates this to be inaccurate. The announcement that I had chosen Camelot as the preferred applicant for the licence to run the National Lottery was made in May 1994. The formal licence was awarded in July 1994. The "hospitality" to which you refer occurred in October 1994, several months after the award of the licence.

In its report of July 1995 the National Audit Office endorsed both the process used to evaluate applications and the choice of Camelot as the

Yours faithfully. PETER A. DAVIS, Director General. The National Lottery. 2 Monck Street, SW1. May 14.

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Sinn Fein and the oath of allegiance

From Mr Alan R. V. Anderson

first swear allegiance?

Yours faithfully, A. R. V. ANDERSON,

allegiance.

Sir, How long can it be before Parlia-

ment abolishes an MPs mandatory

mocracy one can foresee some MPs

being elected on a policy to abolish the

monarchy. How could they rationally

The formal oath is a superfluity in

Far healthier surely that the Sinn

Fein MPs verbally fulminate within

Parliament rather than without, or

that the 45.956 who voted for them become disenfranchised.

Côtes de Rozel, Rozel, Jersey, CI.

From the Secretary-General of

Sir, Mr Gerry Adams, who has chos-

en not to take his seat in Parliament.

last night quoted Mahatma Gandhi

as answering the question "What do you think of British democracy?" by

saving "It would be a good idea". This

was a misquote - the questioner actu-

ally asked Gandhi about Western civi-

Gandhi in fact claimed that his stra-

tegy of non-violence was especially

effective because Britain was a democ-

racy. If he was alive today he would

surely be supporting the non-violent,

and would not be justifying coercion

68 Downlands Road, Purley, Surrey.

The Gandhi Foundation

any case as all "citizens" and those

under the protection of the Crown owe

oath of allegiance? In an evolving de-

From Mr Francis Bennion

Sir, You report (May 15) the Speaker's ruling that the two Sinn Fein MPs who decline to take the oath of allegiance, and so cannot assume their seats, must not after all use the facilities of the House of Commons. This does not wholly resolve the problem posed by MPs like Martin McGuinness and Gerry Adams who, in the Speaker's words, choose not to take up their responsibility as mem-

Such MPs deprive even those constituents who did not vote for them of effective parliamentary representation. It is nauseating for Mr Adams to say, as you report: "I have a duty, as has Martin McGuinness, to represent my constituency." It seems necessary to state the obvious and point out that the sole purpose of a parliamentary election is to procure the election of representatives who will "take up their responsibility as members".

I suggest that what is needed is an amendment to the duties of returning officers as laid down by the Representation of the People Acts. If a returning officer learns that a candidate has indicated that if elected he intends not to take the oath of allegiance, the officer should have to require him to sign a statutory declaration of intention to take the oath if elected.

Refusal to sign would disqualify the candidate from standing in the election. The voters who nominated him could then choose another candidate who better understood the nature of what he was about.

Yours faithfully, FRANCIS BENNION, 5 Old Nursery View, Kennington, Oxford. May 12.

Relaxing the rules

From Professor Brian Harrison

Cabinet on that day the Prime Minis-

ter Harold Wilson announced that

thenceforward first names would be

used "following what Tony Benn sug-

gested years ago". Barbara Castle's diary says that the

announcement evoked a cheer, and

that Wilson told Benn, "so you get

your point at last". Can surviving

members of the Wilson and Calla-

ghan Cabinets please tell us how it all

(Professor of Modern British History).

Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

Youth at the helm

through terrorism.

Yours sincerely.

SURUR HODA

May 15.

Secretary-General,

The Gandhi Foundation,

Sir, Both your leader today on the use Sir, Many records have already been of Christian names in Cabinet, and set by the incoming Labour Governyour report of the decision to do this ment but there is one which they will (May 9; see also letters, May 13, 14), share, I venture to suggest, with their 1945-50 predecessor: avoiding the loss where you refer to Blair's "break with the formality of his predecessors", neglect the fact that we have been here of a single by election. before. Tony Benn writes in his diary for March 5, 1974, that at the Labour

started when older (in age as well as political hue) Labour MPs were eased out as the general election was called - they were replaced by young Blair acolytes who will probably survive the pressures of a five-year term.

death of an MP are more likely to come in Tory seats, as at Uxbridge, causing more of a headache for the Opposition than the Government. We may even see a governing party winning by-elections once more.

Ranby House School.

Queen's Speech

From Mr J. M. S. Ekins

worked out in practice?

BRIAN HARRISON

Yours faithfully

Sir. Elaborate ceremonies can easily be turned into absurdity unless they are sensitively handled. It seems unfair to me to ask the Queen to read out a speech which has been released to the public beforehand.

The Prime Minister should either apply to the Queen's Speech the news embargo applied to the Budget Speech or discuss with Her Majesty the abandonment of this demeaning

Yours faithfully, JAMES EKINS, Old Lime House Easton, Winchester, Hampshire.

Question Time From Mr L. Wright

Sir, Prime Minister's Question Time on Wednesday (report, May 10): why spoil both long weekends?

Yours faithfully, LESLIE WRIGHT. Orchard House, Tigley, Dartington, Totnes, Devon. May 10.

Darwin, by a short leg

From Dr Chris Boyd

Sir, Mr Peter Talbot Willcox seems to be suggesting (letter, May 6) that an inability to observe unequivocally the emergence of a new species undermines the credibility of Darwinian evolution. Not so: it is a central plank of Darwinism that speciation is usually such a relatively rare and slow event that we are unlikely ever to see it played out from beginning to end.

However, the indirect evidence for speciation by evolutionary transformation is so overwhelming and consistent that to deny it borders on the irrational. The basic principle of descent through modification of all organisms from a common ancestor is as underpinned scientifically as the

principle of gravity. Furthermore, as eloquently summarised by Mr Alan Geal (letter, May 12), Darwin's natural selection theory is subject to the same Popperian safeguard of explicit falsifiability as is any

Yours faithfully, CHRIS BOYD.

From Mr Mark Dunning

The move to achieving this was

Any by-elections caused by the

Yours faithfully, MARK DUNNING, The Housemaster's House, Retford, Nottinghamshire.

Labour and the Market

From Mr P. E. Shirley

Sir, The new Chancellor of the Exchequer. Gordon Brown, is reported (May 12) as criticising the current corporation tax system for encouraging companies to pay dividends to shareholders and not to reinvest.

The reason why anybody invests in a company is to earn a return. If the Chancellor makes it less attractive for shareholders to receive dividends, this will discourage the supply of new equity capital to companies.

The Chancellor's attitude is reminiscent of old Labour's attitude to the market. For example, controls over rent and security of tenure may relieve existing tenants, but all they do in the long term is restrict the supply of new housing for rent.

Any move away from the current system of providing tax credits for shareholders will encourage the takeover of quoted companies for debt and make it more difficult for unquoted companies to raise venture capital finance.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP SHIRLEY, P. E. Shirley & Co, 24 Lime Street, EC3.

other scientific theory.

115 Greenbank Road, Edinburgh 10.

From Dr Euan W. MacKie

Sir, Mr Alan Geal gives a masterly account of the nature of a scientific hypothesis, and particularly how this affects the validity of Darwinian

evolutionary ideas. One could add a further point. Although it is still possible that the Darwinian hypothesis could be disproved, the number of times predictions made from it have been tested and confirmed by new studies and discoveries surely makes this increasingly unlikely. A good example is the ever increasing number of the bones of possible ancestors to the human species being discovered.

Creationism explains everything in the world much better than Darwinism; how could it not if it presumes that a deity has infinite power? But has a single prediction from the creationist "hypothesis" ever been made and tested, let alone confirmed? I think not.

Yours faithfully, EUAN MacKIE, Hunterian Museum, University of Glasgow, University Avenue, Glasgow 12.

Suicide decisions must be respected

From Dr Colin Howson

Sir. You report (May 8) the case of a elderly woman who had attempte suicide and emphatically indicate that she did not wish to be resusc tated, only to have this wish defie (unsuccessfully) by a paramedic. Th paramedic's action was subsequently praised by the coroner.

In my view, every individual ha the right to evaluate their own life; it i indefensible to deny them, or en courage others to deny them, the righ to decide, on the basis of that evalu

ation, whether to end it. Had they been saved from the con sequence of their decision they migh have come to believe that it was the wrong one. But that is something for them to consider at the time, not a precaution to be exercised on their behalt

by others without their consent. It remains the right of anyone to try to dissuade them from taking such decisions; it is morally impermissible to seek to prevent them from doing so.

Yours faithfully, COLIN HOWSON, The London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of Philosophy. Logic and Scientific Method, Houghton Street, WC2. May 8.

V&A closures

From Dr Alan Borg, Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum

Sir, Mr Denis Sullivan's letter (May 13) about gallery closures at the V&A was very reasonable under the circumstances. He has my sympathy and apologies, as I too find such closures unacceptable. We have, therefore, already started the process of recruiting extra warding staff in order to keep the galleries open, so I hope the summer will be better in this respect than he predicts. Unfortunately, such additional staffing can only be funded by making other damaging savings

elsewhere in our budget. This situation is the direct result of the severe cuts to our annual grant from government, which have left us struggling to fulfil many of our public duties. In 1995 that grant stood at 131.6 million, today it is £29.9 million and by 1999 it is predicted to fall to £28.7 million. Unless the new administration reverses these cuts and restores the value of our grant, the V&A. in common with most other national museums, will find public access ever more difficult to sustain.

Yours faithfully. ALAN BORG, Director, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, SW7. May 13.

Horner recalled

From Miss H. M. Sands

Sir. In the matter of early release for good pupils. Miss Rosalie Stephenson's Yorkshire father (letter, May 6) was indeed fortunate. My mother attended a village school in Yorkshire in the latter part of the last century; the last session was mental arithmetic and pupils were released as soon as they answered a question correctly.

My grandmother, a Welsh disciplinarian, counted on my mother's early appearance to help with the chores. No warm prune pie awaited her. Her choice lay between getting the answer right and running errands or getting it wrong and having her ears boxed for being late.

Her mental arithmetic remained excellent throughout her life.

MARJORIE SANDS. 16 Derwent Drive, Orpington, Kent. May 6.

High water mark

From Mr R. V. Munden

Sir, You report (early editions, May 9) that additional evidence of global warming and the consequent rising of sea levels has intensified concern that "some small island states, such as Mauritius ... will disappear under the waves".

I thought I was fairly safe from this danger here in the Blackdown Hills but, having once stood many hundreds of feet above sea level on the rim of an extinct volcano on Mauritius, I am now not so sure.

Yours sincerely. R. V. MUNDÉN, Lower Woodbrook. Lowton, Taunton, Somerset. May 9.

Technical assistance

From Mr William Jenkin

Sir, On the train this morning, I sat opposite a gentleman doing the crossword. Every now and then he would glance surreptitiously at an electronic gadget held beneath his folded paper, which enabled him to find a selection

of words based on only a few letters. Could this perhaps be the equivalent of using an illicit calculator in an exam? Certainly the way he held it out of sight gave me the impression that he thought so.

Yours sincerely. WILLIAM JENKIN. 4 Pageant Road. St Albans, Hertfordshire. May 14.

PAT HUGHES

Pat Hughes, tennis player, died on May 8 aged 94. He was born on December 21, 1902

appain, of one of the most successful ever British Davis Cup tennis teams and the only Englishman to have won the singles title at the Italian Open, Pat-Hughes was an outstanding sportsman and acknowledged to be one of the finest doubles players of his

He partnered Fred Perry to victory in the doubles at the French Open in 1933 and again to the doubles title in the Australian Open in the following year. He reached the Wimbledon doubles final with Perry in 1932 and won the title again, partnering Raymond Tuckey in 1936, Indeed, Hughes's finest years in the mid-1930s included what many regard as the glory days of British tennis.

George Patrick Hughes, universally known as Pat, was born in Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, one of a family of eight children. He was educated at St Malachy's College. Belfast, and the University of London where he graduated in economics. For a time after that he lectured in economics at University College, Southampton (as it then was), before taking up a brief appointment with the National State Bank of New York.

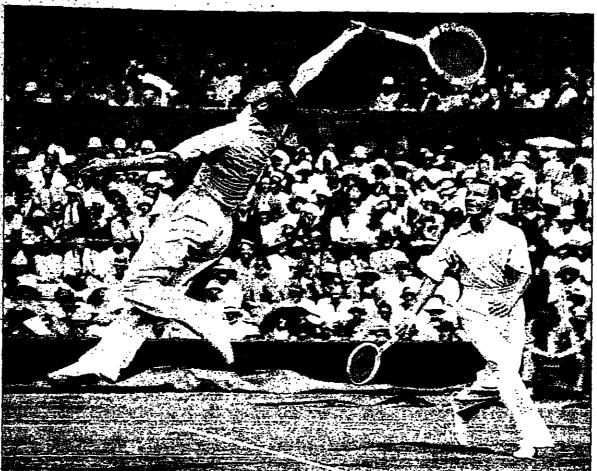
He took up tennis as a boy in Belfast.

The family house had a tennis court and his father bought an old net from a local tennis club for just a few shillings. The young Hughes fell in love with the game and when he was still only nine years old, his father taught him how to cut the grass with a handmower and paint the lines.

At university he continued with his passion for tennis, practising whenever he could and making much use of the public courts in Lincoln's Inn Fields. He maintained that the only way to improve was through dedication and saved hard as a student to buy new rackets and balls. He spent so much time on the Lincoln's Inn Fields courts that he frequently had to attend night classes to catch up on lectures he had missed during the day.

He began competition tennis in earnest after he had obtained his degree. He played county tennis for Essex in the 1920s and first came to prominence towards the end of that decade by winning a London Evening News competition and the Irish Doubles in 1928 and 1930.

He represented Great Britain in the famous Davis Cup team of 1929 to 1936 which won the Davis Cup in 1933 and then retained it until 1936. He played at Wimbledon every summer between well as more aggressive forehand



Hughes, left, and Fred Perry on their way to victory over the French pair in the Davis Cup at Wimbledon. 1933

1926 and 1937 but was never able to get further than the quarter-finals in the men's singles event.

Perhaps his finest hour was in Italy in 1931 when he won both the singles and the doubles titles at the Italian Open, defeating the excellent French player, Henri Cochet, in the final of the singles. His strength, however, was undoubtedly in his intuitive and unselfish play, a style that was particularly suited to the doubles game. And it was at doubles that he excelled.

Although he formed a successful partnership with Fred Perry, with whom he played at the Wimbledon Championships for four successive years between 1931 and 1934, it was with Raymond Tuckey that he dis-played his best form. Together they played a vigorous game of strong, attacking tennis, complemented by their complete, almost instinctive, mutual understanding. Seemingly inspired by his partner. Hughes's termis improved rapidly and his game benefited from a flatter and faster serve as

drives. Tuckey played in the backhand court and Hughes covered his favourite the right.

In 1934 Hughes and Tuckey asserted their dominance in the doubles field at the Queen's Club by beating Wilmer Allison and John van Ryn, former Wimbledon and US champions, Sidney Wood and the Spaniard ("Booby") Maier, and the then US Davis Cup pair. Don Budge and Gene Mako. Two summers later, the partnership won the Doubles Championship at Wimbledon. It was to be an incredible year for them both for, in addition to their Wimbledon victory. they won the Hard Court Doubles and Hughes won a singles title in the South of England championship.

His final appearance in the Wimbledon Doubles Championship was in 1939, when he partnered Tim Henman's grandfather. Henry Billington. They were defeated in the quarter finals by Elwood Cooke and Bobby Riggs. Hughes's dynamic personality domi-

nated his game, making him a special

favourite with spectators. His lobs were much admired and his volleys were described in the contemporary press as those of a "madman". Off the court, too, his mischievous charm made him many friends and he was once described "as likely to take your shirt away from you at the bridge table or your best girl at a dinner party".

He retired from competition tennis after the war, during which he served as an acting pilot officer before being invalided out, and concentrated on his career with the Dunlop sports company. He was influential in encouraging Dunlop's development of tennis equipment and he eventually worked for them for more than 40 years, subsequently becoming their sports director. During his time at Dunlop's the company asserted itself as a leader in the field of tennis equipment and their Fort Maxply rackets were used by more than half of the competitors at Wimbledon in 1952. He edited The Dunlop Lawn Tennis Almanac from

He never married.

VERE LADY BIRDWOOD

Vere Lady Birdwood CVO, hospital administrator, died on May I aged 87. She was born on August 7, 1909.

ERE BIRDWOOD led a life quiet distinction, driven by the value she put on selfsufficiency and her own independence of spirit. For 22 years she administered and managed the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, establishing its reputation in the London medical world as a hospital enjoying the highest standards of nursing care.

Elizabeth Vere Drummond Ogilvie (as she was before her marriage) was born in Goring-on-Thames, the daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir George Drummond Ogilvie, a distinguished member of the Indian Civil Service and a considerable scholar of Indian culture. She was to become the seventh generation of her family to live in India, where she spent a happy childhood, much of which she later recalled for the BBC radio series Plain Tales from the Raj.

She enjoyed an outdoor life. riding and hunting — she bagged her first leopard at 17 (though she later regretted the decimation of the Indian wildlife) - and detested being sent back to Britain to boarding school. She returned gladly to India in 1926 but, when she married five years later, Christopher, the son of Field Marshal Lord Birdwood ("Birdie"), the Commander-in-Chief India, she found that the easy relationships she had enjoyed as a child with the local people had to be ex-changed for stiff regimental formalities. Her new position had few advantages, she soon concluded, except perhaps that she now had 700 mounts to choose from whenever she wanted to ride.

A resourceful woman, she was determined to make herself useful during the Second World War and learnt shorthand from a babu in Karachi's bazaar. She then went on to take a job as secretary to Sir Hugh Dow, Governor of Sind Province from 1942 to 1945. At the end of the war, with

her marriage already in trouble, she returned with her two children to England, where

she continued to support herself working as a secretary in a variety of posts and helping her father to run King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, of which he had become House Governor. Deciding to put herself through a professional course of medical administration, she went on in 1950 to succeed her father as manager of the hospital. Her interest in medical matters also led to her appointment in the 1970s as a member of the Area Health Authority for Westminster, Kensington and Chelsea, and as vice-chairman of the Provident Association for Medical Care, 1977-82. She was appointed MVO in 1958 and advanced to CVO in 1972.

For a short while at the end of the 1950s Vere Birdwood also made a foray into local politics, spending four years as a Chelsea borough councillor. But by the end of that period she realised that political life was not for her and, when Chelsea was amalgamated with Kensington in 1960, she did not stand again. She embarked on a second

old, joining the Public Record Office where she worked as an editor, first at Chancery Lane and more recently at Kew. She edited the papers of many Prime Ministers, starting with Pitt the Elder and ending with Ramsay MacDonald. She retired when she was 85.

Her scholarship — she pub-lished several articles and monographs in the course of her life — was rewarded by the publication in 1994 of So Dearly Loved, So Much Admired, a commentary of Hester Pitt. Lady Chatham, based on her letters. Strikingly independent until the end of her life, she refused to play on her age or her title in any of the publicity surrounding this

Her marriage was dissolved in 1954 and Lord Birdwood married a second time. Vere Birdwood was subsequently often irritated when people mistook his second wife's extreme right-wing opinions for her own.

She is survived by her son and her daughter.

THE MARCHESE FALCONE LUCIFERO

The Marchese Falcone Lucifero. Minister of the Royal Household to the House of Savoy, 1944-83, died on May 3 aged 99. He was born in Crotone on January 3, 1898.

FOR half a century the Marchese Falcone Lucifero camnaigned tirelessly for Italy to allow the male line of the House of Savoy, the Italian royal family, to return from exile to "s homeland. To many Italians it appeared a quixotic lost cause. But his long battle" ended in a significant victory two days before he died, when Parliament introduced legislation expected to reform the Republican constitution and to end the ban on male heirs to the throne setting foot on Italian soil.

At first sight Lucifero, a renegade Calabrian noble-. man who had been a con-

court did not hesitate to whisper - an unlikely choice for such a role. But as Minister for Agriculture in Marshal Badoglio's Government he attracted the attention of the then heir to the throne. Prince Umberto. "I ask you to help me," the Prince wrote, "we can expect very difficult times."

Lucifero's socialism was born out of revulsion at the poverty he saw before the First World War in his native Crotone. He further developed his ideas during the First World War while reading law at the University of Turin. Having refused to take money from his family, he studied at his own expense, working in a variety of odd jobs, including as a theatre extra, to pay his way. In Turin he made a friend of the Marxist philoso-

pher Antonio Gramsci. vinced socialist since the age of sorship Lucilero practised as a

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During the interwar dicta-

12, was - as his enemies at lawyer in Crotone and dropped out of politics, refusing to join the Fascist Party. But after the signing of the Italian Armistice on September 3, 1943, and the British Eighth Army's crossing of the Straits of Messina the same day, he was appointed the Badoglio Government's Prefect in Catanzaro on the recommendation of two Allied officers who considered him

untainted by Il Duce's regime. He immediately shocked Badoglio's conservative followers by visiting the prison cell at Turi, in Apulia, where Gramsci was held, explaining that he was acting "on behalf of the King of Italy". Lucifero soon made a name

for himself as an able administrator with an open mind. He was in succession Prefect of Bari, Agriculture Minister and Minister of the Royal Household. According to court gossip, his rise to influ-

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ence also was because of his links to freemasonry. Whether that was true or

not. Prince Umberto made it clear he shared many of Lucifero's ideals. "We think alike," he told him, "individual freedom and social justice also is my motto." Lucifero acquired a small Fiat 500 car and drove the Prince around the impoverished suburbs of Rome to acquaint him with the condition of his people. Victor Emmanuel formally abdicated on May 9, 1946, and Umberto succeeded him as king. Lucifero then orchestrated the monarchist campaign in the run-up to a referendum

on the monarchy. But the Italians voted for its abolition and the King left for his exile in Portugal.

During this time, Lucifero continued to provide him with unorthodox advice designed to keep royalist sentiment alive in Italy. In 1961, for example,

he persuaded him to issue a proclamation applauding the experiment of the first postwar Centre-Left Government, in 1980, on one of his last roval missions. Lucifero travelled to the Iminia area to distribute aid sent by the King to alleviate the plight of victims of the Naples earthquake.

From his home, a grace and favour apartment on the banks of the Tiber, Lucifero remained in contact with the Republican authorities including most recently the feisty President Sandro Pertini and the then Socialist Prime Minister Bettino Craxi. He badgered them unsuccessfully, to allow the re di Maggio (King of May) as he was popularly known, to realise his last dream "to die on Italian soil".

Lucifero's last years were embittered by a quarrel with Umberto's son, Prince Victor Emmanuel, the current heir, who two months after his father's death took the royal seal from Lucifero.

After resigning as Minister of the Royal Household he was taken up by those monar-chists who believed that the Duke of Aosta, Victor Emmanuel's cousin, might make a better king (should there ever be a restoration in Italy). Hundreds of supporters atrended Lucifero's funeral in Rome, many of them shouting Viva II Re! (long live the king) as his coffin was carried out of the church.

Lucifero was a gifted amateur painter and wrote a volume of reminiscences Memorie dell'esilio, several poems and a novel, Tonna. He was unmarried.

SIDNEY PREVEZER

Sidney Prevezer, solicitor and former Professor of Law at the University of Sussex, died of cancer on April 24 aged 67. He was born on May 9, 1929.

SIDNEY PREVEZER did not have a conventional career in the law either as an academic or as a practitioner. At a time when there was a deep gulf between the two, he moved effortlessly back and forth across the divide between academic and professional

Sidney Prevezer arrived at Cambridge in 1948 with an exhibition to read modern languages at St Catharine's College. He changed to law for Part II of the Tripos. His acutely analytical mind combined with an encyclopaedic memory made him an outstanding student. His contemporaries were not in the least surprised by his starred first.

Interested in criminal law, he went in 1951 as an assistant lecturer to University College London, where one of the most outstanding academic lawyers of that time, Professor Glanville Williams, then held the law chair. He remained there until 1964, becoming a lecturer and then a Reader and finding time also to obtain an LLM from Harvard. He proved a brilliant communicator and teacher, and to this day there are top partners of City law firms. QCs and more than one senior judge, who readily acknowledge that their later success was in part due to the understanding of the

working of the common law

instilled in them by Prevezer.

Prevezer, however, was always attracted by the different challenges which practice involves. He took articles and for a time combined practice with part-time teaching. In 1966 he became the litigation partner in Brechers, a firm he helped to build into one of the leading West End commercial firms. In practice his other qualities came to the fore. He was a great strategist and a formidable manager of large

scale litigation who paid assid-

uous attention to detail. He soon had a strong following of

clients. One of the advantages of Brechers. Prevezer soon found, was the proximity of their Brook Street offices to London's galleries and auction rooms. He spent his lunchtimes indulging his hobby of collecting modern paintings. And during his time there he built up a magnificent collection. It was also while he was there that he became involved

with the committee of Soviet Jewry, making several trips to Russia at some personal risk. After 13 years at Brechers. however. Prevezer hankered again after the values of the academic world. Sussex University was, in 1979, looking for a new Professor of Law and

he was appointed to the chair. It was a challenging post,

since law at that time was not a degree subject in its own right at Sussex, but part of the School of English and American studies. Whether this should continue to be the position was in some doubt. But Prevezer met the challenge and even managed, for the sake of the cause, to control the difficulty he normally had in suffering fools gladly. He raised the profile of law so that when he retired ten years later already in place were the foundations which two years later, in 1991, became the new Centre of Legal Studies.

After he left Sussex. Prevezer returned to practice as a consultant first with Oswang's (1991), then Howard Kennedy (1992) and finally S. J. Berwin (1992-97). The last four years of his life, however. were overshadowed by cancer. He dealt with his illness as he dealt with everything else in his life, with dignity, courage and determination. He worked whenever he could as Berwin's and helped with the publication of legal text books. He also continued to enjoy his

other great hobby, opera. He is survived by his wife Enid, one of his former students whom he married in 1955, and by two sons and two daughters.

THE NEW KING

(FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES.)

Muscle is King. Cotton is not. Nigger is not. Muscle is. Brains used to have some claim; so did worth; so did honesty, capability, and education, but that was a long time ago. Muscle has taken precedence over everything, and the man who "strikes from the shoulder", and is a good hard hitter, is the man for the people's money now-a-days. If you doubt it, you may satisfy yourself of the truth of our proposition by stepping into the first place of public resort which you happen to be passing. Whether it be a court-room or a barroom, a silk store or a grog shop, if there be any number of men together, their talk will be of the prize-fight. All classes of people seem to share this restless anxiety to hear the result; with the great mass of the people it is the great topic of conversation and speculation, eclipsing even the Charleston Convention and throwing completely into the shade all political themes, and everything else that can afford to wait. Even the boys in

ON THIS DAY

May 16, 1860

One month earlier, the American Heenan and Savers had fought each other to a standstill at Savers rate jought even runer to a sugmester at Farmborough, the police moving in after 42 rounds to stop the fight which lasted just over two hours. Top hats were prominent among the spectators, which included MPs, Thackeray and

Dickens. Both pugilists died before they were 40. our schools have caught the contagion. and their talk too, like that of our city officials, our brokers in Wall Street, our merchants on 'Change, our clerks at lunch-rime, apprentices in the workshops, is of Heenan and Sayers.

Muscle has arrayed itself against every proper qualification, and when the conquering hero comes home, his reception will not be that of a successful prize-fighter, but that of a man whose dictum will hereafter be law to thousands ... How differently will be the

position of Sayers, should he succeed in thrashing Heenan! He will only receive some few hard knocks, a few hundred or a thousand pounds, and be content to retire for ever from the ring, and settle down as the keeper of a public house. patronised by the fast nobility and 'nobs" of the English sporting world. A prize-fighter in Great Britain is a prizefighter. His social condition is marked, distinct, and defined. He would no more dare to set the laws at deliance, than the weakest and most easily thrashed man in the land, because he knows that out of his own immediate circle he has no influence whatever ... Not with us. Muscle is King here, and if Muscle knocks peaceable citizens down and kicks them for falling, and you threaten him with the law. Muscle snaps his fingers in your face and laughs at the absurdity of the idea. Possibly a time may come when brains, respectability, moral worth may be admitted to a partnership in the Government of the country, but as yet we see few symptoms of its dawning.

		
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Windfall tax faces legal challenge

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown faced their first big confrontation with industry after a threat from British Telecom and other privatised companies to derail the windfall tax.

Sir Iain Vallance, chairman of BT, which seems certain to fall within the scope of the tax, announced that he would challenge in the courts any move to snatch its profits. His Page 1 stance was backed by BAA

Lottery cash for film companies

Three film companies were awarded £92 million of lottery cash in an attempt to help British cinema to compete with Hollywood. The winners, announced by the Arts Council at the Cannes Film Festival, beat off competition from 34 rival bidders to win cash that will be used to make 90 British films over the next six years ...

Wider Tory vote

Plans to change the rules for the Tory leadership election to give party activists a say are winning growing support among Conser-

Commons reforms

Reforms to modernise the workings of the House of Commons and to bring the hours of politicians more in line with other professions are to be backed by the GovernmentPage 2

Steward's inquiry

The chairman of the York panel of stewards will be expected "to do the decent thing" and tender his resignation as an official after the way he treated two television executives this weekPage 3

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A Francis Bacon painting, Man in a Chair, bought by a group of art-loving students for £150 more than 40 years ago is expected to fetch up to £700,000 at auction Page 4

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Up to 60,000 non-surgical patients a year cutch serious infections in hospital, with mothers in maternity wards most at . Page 6

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Dinosaurs were stupid, vicious or both, according to popular belief. Now evidence is to go on show of a clever and caring member of thePage 8

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"The House of Commons can never be a control on other parts of government unless they are controlled themselves by their constituents," wrote Edmund Burke. Electors must possess some right in the choice of that House which it is not in the power of that House to take

PHILIP HOWARD

The Tories belong to a party that is too old, too professional, and too fond of power to carry on sucking their own blood ...

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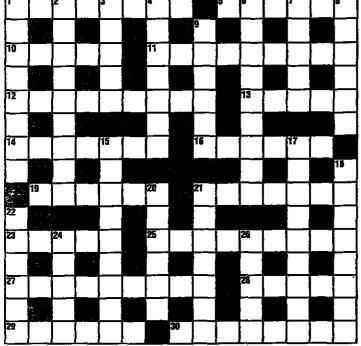


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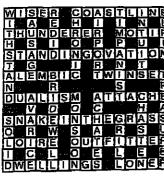
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should be dry at first. Patchy rain is likely in southeast Scotland, and showers are possible in Northern Ireland later. It will be breezy in Scotland. Temperatures should be mostly above average.

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

Warning over exorbitant rates

Government to crack down on lenders

NIGEL GRIFFITHS, Min-sere slightly late with pay-ister for Consumer Affairs, means. He has been in contact has issued an unprecedented warning to lenders who charge vulnerable borrowers

exorbitant rates of interest. In a thinly veiled threat, Mr Griffiths said companies that specialise in lending to the poor had been put "under review". He added: "We take a dim view of people on low incomes being exploited by lenders.

On the hit-list could be companies such as Provident Financial and City Mortgage Corporation, which extend loans to council tenants with bad credit ratings who cannot borrow from high street banks

and building societies. On Monday, Provident Financial, which charges a flat rate of 59 per cent, equivalent to 164 per cent APR, announced a share buy-back programme to mop up some £100 million of excess profits.

At the time, John van Kuffeler, chairman, was confident that the Labour Government posed no threat to his derstands the valuable service we provide to people who need a little money for their day-to-

day needs." Last night, Mr van Kuffeler said: "Capping interest rates would actually drive the basiness underground into the hands of loan sharks."

Mr Griffiths has long had

CMC, a US lender, in his sights. As a front-bench spokesman, he condemned the company's use of dual interest rates, which double borrowers' premiums if they

with members of the CMC Victims Association, which was set up last month. He also supported a warn-

ing sent by the Office of Fair Trading to CMC in February. This week, the company bowed to pressure and announced it would stop levying redemption penalties vastly in excess of the value of loans.

A spekesman for CMC said: We welcome Nigel Griffith's interest in the sub-prime market and will be happy to provide him with information which may be of assistance. The CMC Group is currently reviewing its business practices and is engaged in con-structive dialogue with the Office of Fair Trading."

Mr Griffiths is taking a key role in strengthening the powers of the OFT to deal with rogue lenders. This will form part of the Competition Bill



Speech on Wednesday. Mr Griffiths also wants

high street lenders to improve their standards. He is particularly concerned about lowstart and discount loans: where lenders escalate interest rates when an introductory period expires. He said: "It is not clear to many borrowers that the low APR is for a short time only. I want equal prominence to be given to both

He will order mortgage lenders to come up with new costs of their loans.

Mr Griffiths said: "I want to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that people taking out bank loans and mortgages have all the information about charges available to them. The system now is far too much weighted in the banks and building societies favour and consumers find themselves at a disad-

Mr Griffiths also promised legislation to increase borrow ers' protection. Top of his list will be rule 78, which has enabled mortgage lenders CMC to charge exorbitant redemption penalties when borrowers try to pay off a loan early. Action is also needed to clarify APR. Designed to be the standard to help borrowers choose between lenders, it has recently become the subject of contradictory legal



Burton tries a new shop format

BURTON MENSWEAR, for long struggling to shed a rep-utation of selling shiny suits to underpaid clerks, may disap-pear from the high street.

John Hoerner, chief executive of Burton Group, admit-ted yesterday that the chain's recent advertising campaign. based on David Bailey photographs and costing up to £3 million, has failed. Burton Menswear remains saddled with the unfortunate image it acquired during the reign of Sir Ralph Halpern, and its first-half sales fell by 24 per cent, to £125 million.

Two Burton branches have been converted to a new format, Style Union, which will stock the group's own labels and some sports brands. Up to 20 more will be converted in the next few months. Some Top Man branches may also be converted. Andrew Higginson, finance director, said that Burton Menswear may eventually be replaced, but there is no question of it being shut down.

Burton Group also disclosed that it is to launch catalogues for all its divisions which include Principles, Top Shop, Top Man, Evans and Debenhams - this autumn. Racing Green, the catalogue company it bought last year, is to be introduced as the casual range in Principles shops, and goods sold in Innovations, the other catalogue firm Burton has bought will be sold

Debenhams stores. Nike, the sports brand, is to open a flagship store in the Burton-owned Top Shop building at Oxford Circus. Group pre-tax profits rose

22.7 per cent, to £108.1 million, in the half to March 1. Earnings per share were 5.4p (4.5p). The interim dividend is 1.4p (1.15p). The shares fell 9p to 145p on disappointment with the last ten weeks' trading, up 6.8 per cent without catalogues.

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MAM warning

Mercury Asset Management (MAM) yesterday celebrated ten with a £31 million rise in annual pre-tax profits to £171.3 million but said the exceptional growth rates may not be sustainable. Page

Airbus order

Airbus Industrie clinched a \$1.5 billion order to supply China with 30 aircraft, and finalised plans for a ne 100-seat airliner, the AE31X, to be built in China to supply Western markets.

Act 'will safeguard windfall

tax'

By MARTIN WALLER

CITY lawyers were almost unanimous in advising that a direct legal challeage to a properly constituted Act of nent bringing in a impossible — in the words of one, if BT, BAA or anyone else goes down that route, they would be "en a hiding to nothing".

Their difficulty would be that, because Britain has no written constitution. Parliament cannot be precluded from taking any action, however "unconstitutional" it may seem. This includes singling out individuals of corporations for a particular tax burden — indeed, this is already done by levying different levels of tax on different salary bands.

Barbara Stephenson, partner at Norton Rose, said: "It is very difficult to think of circumstances where a property elected Government in England does not have the power to pass a law."

Tina Williams, partner of Fox Williams, another City law firm, said: "The English courts do not recognise any limit to Parliamentary legal power, except in one circum stance, and that is where the legislation is incompatible with EU law. The presumption is that the Act of Parliament is compatible unless or until it is declared

BT challenge, page !

SBC Warburg to buy Dillon Read

By ROBERT MILLER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT SBC WARBURG, the invest-

ment bank, yesterday fuelled its global ambitions with the purchase of Dillon Read, the privately owned US investment bank in a deal worth

\$600 million.
After three weeks of tense negotiation the acquisition was unveiled only 24 hours after acrimonious takeover talks between Dillon Read and ING Barings, the Dutch banking and insurance group, col-lapsed. ING's offer lapsed yesterday, although it had already accepted that the ambitious deal was lost.

Wall Street analysts last night said the \$600 million price, which includes a large premium of more than three times book value, was lower. than ING was prepared to pay. The Dutch group already owned 25 per cent of Dillon Read and had hoped to buy the remaining 75 per cent stake from the 52 partners. ING will now receive "the same consideration upon closing as management shareholders".

SBC Warburg is paying for the deal, which must be ap-

proved by the US Federal Reserve Board and other watchdogs, with existing Treasury stock on a staged basis over

two-and-a-half years. The senior partners have accepted individual terms that are believed to be less attrac-tive financially that those of-fered by ING Barings. This appears to indicate how keen the US investment bank was to find an alternative partner. The ING talks with Dillon

Read are said to have become increasingly tense. Each side blamed the other for carefully controlled leaks. The Dutch group is still keen to expand in the US market and speculation is rife on Wall Street as to where the acquisitive combine will strike next

Franklin W. Hobbs, chief executive of Dillon Read, said: This combination is an excellent fit for both firms, as it will enhance significantly the capabilities and resources we are able to offer our clients and the career opportunities available to our staff."

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Retailers press for euro delay

RETAILERS in Britain will continue to press for a delay to the introduction of euro notes and coins despite a move in Brussels to bring the change forward by several months (Sarah Cunningham and Jon Ashworth

Yves-Thibault de Silguy, Europe's Monetary Affairs Commissioner, told a conference yesterday that national currencies should be phased out as early as the autumn of 2001. Under the current plan the euro will be introduced in qualifying European Union countries in January 1999, but only as a unit used by banks. Coins and notes are due to be issued on January 1, 2002.

Retailers say a January introduction could bring chaos at their busiest time of the year. Andrew Higginson, chairman of the British Retail Consortium's economic affairs committee, said the BRC will keep on lobbying for the launch to be put back to February 2002, although it prefers the idea of an autumn start to one in

Inflation fell to 2.5% under Tories

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

ment succeeded in hitting its 2.5 per cent inflation target last month, just days before losing Underlying inflation, which

excludes mortgage payments, fell from an annual rate of 2.7 per cent to 2.5 per cent in April, its lowest level since November 1994. Headline inflation also de-

clined from 2.6 per cent in March to 2.4 per cent, mainly because of a sharp decline in motoring costs. The better than expected figures helped the stock mar-

ket to recover from its lowest levels yesterday although the FT-SE 100 still closed down 5.7 points at 4,681.2 after the overnight fall on Wall Street. The pound also finished down by over half a plennig at DM2.7854, largely because of sterling tracking the falling

dollar. Economists said the strong pound is helping to offset price rises in the service sector and this should ensure inflation

NEW figures show that the of the year. The annual rise in prices of goods was just 1.7 per prices of goods was just 1.7 per cent in April, the lowest level for 18 months.

But service sector inflation has been running at 3.3 per cent for the past three months. the highest rate for a year, and remains a medium-term threat to the inflation target.

mist at UBS, said the data provided some reassurance because price falls had occurred in several areas. He added that the Bank should leave rates on hold until after the mini-budget.

Motoring costs fell sharply because of the petrol pump battle between oil companies and supermarkets. There was also an unexpected decline in have been hurt by attractive offers on new cars.

The tax and prices index, which takes into account the effect of tax changes as well as price rises, fell 0.6 per cent in April after the income tax cut in the Budget. But the annual rate increased from 1.1 per remains subdued for the rest cent in March to 1.5 per cent.

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Carpetbaggers challenge Nationwide

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

NATIONWIDE Building Society faces the biggest threat to its cherished mutual status next month when five campaigners in favour of a stock market flotation make their bid for

election to the board.

The group includes Michael Hardern, butler and "carpetbagger" extraordinaire, and George Jones, a "We will be encouraging our members funeral director. It is the first time that to support the board's commitment to

candidates in favour of conversion have succeeded in standing for election to a building society board.

The Nationwide, headed by Brian Davis, one of the staunchest supporters of mutuality, will become the biggest building society when the Halifax floats next month. The Nationwide board is strongly opposing the five rebel candidates. Mr Davis said:

continuing as a successful building Hardern claims that it will take many society by voting for our existing director candidates."

Mr Hardern, head of Members for Conversion is the ultimate "carpetbagger". He has accounts with more than 50 societies and believes that the Nationwide disadvantages the majority of its members by continuing to be

society's 3.5 million members, Mr announced at the AGM on July 24.

years for mutual benefits in the form of higher savings rates and lower borrowing rates to make up for the average £1,000 windfall received by the members of societies that have chosen

Last year, about 290,000 society members voted on board changes. This mutual. year ballot forms have to be returned.
In the ballot form, to be sent to the by July 22, for the result to be

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

WHO WILL BE HIT BY THE WINDFALL TAX

British Telecom dials resistance

BY ERIC REGULY

BRITISH TELECOM was a classic utility in every sense of the word before its privatisation in 1984. The company and the City believe the comparison is no longer valid and that a Labour-imposed utility tax would be nothing

short of "perverse".

BT and utility should not be uttered in the same breath, they say, because BT is not a monopoly and does not make windfall profits. Arguably. BT's only connection to utility status is that it provides an essential service.

Before privatisation, BT controlled 100 per cent of the phone market and controlled it hadly. It had 245,000 employees compared with 127,500 today. BT's profit and the prices it

BRITISH TELECOM's core

businesses saw little growth last year as competition in-

tensified and price reductions imposed by Oftel, the industry

regulator, cut income by more

Revenue in some services

declined in the year to March 31. Turnover from inland

calls, for example, fell marg-inally, to £4.87 billion, with in-

ternational calls down almost 9 per cent, to £1.8 million. The

declines were more marked in

the fourth quarter, when inland call revenue fell 4.7 per

cent and international call

Growth in overseas opera-

tions, phone-line rentals and

mobile phone services was

Bonfield: spending forecast

revenue fell 15.8 per cent.

than ESOO million.

BT feels pinch

from rivals

and regulator

barely enough to offset the declines. Overall turnover rose

3.4 per cent. to £14.94 billion.

cent, to £3.2 billion, equivalent

to 32.8p a share, up from 31.6p a share. A redundancy charge that fell by £54 million, to £367

million, and a stronger contri-bution from MCI of America,

in which BT has a 20 per cent stake, were behind the improved profit figures.

BT has offered EI3 billion for

the rest of MCI, America's second-largest long-distance carrier. The merger was

cleared this week by the Euro-

pean Commission. US regula-

tory approval for Concert, the

name of the merged group, is

ted to ensuring that its entire network consists of high-capacity fibre cables. The com-

pany has estimated the cost of

upgrading the network at £15

billion. Šir Peter Bonfield, chief executive, said: "I do not

think you will see a significant increase in our capital expenditures."

A final dividend of 11.95p. due on September 2, makes a

total dividend of 19.85p, up 6.1

per cent. A 35p special dividend

is to be paid at the same time. The shares rose 3p, to 4522p.

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expected in the autumn. BT no longer seems commit-

Pre-tax profits climbed 6 per

charged varied wildly, depending on the political agendas of the successive governments.

BT argues that it stopped being a utility on

the day it was privatised. The Government's sale of its BT shares coincided with the creation of Oftel, the telecoms industry regulator, whose job it was to ensure that BT's prices did not rise faster than the rate of inflation and that the company lost market share to competitors. Mercury Communications, then owned by Cable and Wireless, rose to challenge.

Nonetheless, BT remained an effective

monopoly throughout the 1980s. In an effort to introduce more competition, the Government dismantled the BT-Mercury duopoly in 1991 and allowed cable companies to use their networks for telephony as well as TV services.

BT has held up remarkably well against the onslaught of competition. According to Offel, it controlled about 80 per cent of the overall telecoms market in 1996. It has less than twothirds of the market for international calls but controls 90 per cent of local calls. Under the 1973 Fair Trading Act, any company that controls more than 25 per cent of a given market is considered to have a "dominant" position.

Analysts say BT's profits cannot be considered.

ered excessive. Competition and Oftel's pricereduction measures have ensured that BT's profit margin, where profits are defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation, are generally lower than those of its continental rivals. Market Lambert. an analyst at NatWest Securities, said BT's

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profit margin of 37 per cent, a figure that has remained roughly static since 1984, is about 50 per cent less than the margins at Deutsche Telekom and Telecom Italia. It is also substantially less than that of C&W.

BT's profit margins are generally higher than the American long-distance giants, such as AT&T and MCI, and lower than the regional phone companies, such as Bell Atlantic and Ameritech. Such comparisons, however, are unfair because the American phone companies, unlike BT, do not offer a full range of services.

BT seems to have ample ammunition to defend itself against any accusation that it is reaping windfall profits. If BT is, then Oftel clearly has not been doing its job.

Multi-utility set to shed 1,500 jobs in revamp

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY. INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

UP TO 1.500 people are set to leave ScottishPower as the multi-utility pushes through business sales and redundancies at Southern Water, which

it bought last year.
Already 650 staff have left the water company's core operations since ScottishPower which now serves either electricity, water or gas to one in five UK customers — took over last August. Between 400 and 500 are still to be cut from the main operation, and about 1,000 face a change of em-ployer with the disposal of non-core businesses, Ian Robinson, chief executive, said yesterday. ScottishPower presided over big job losses after buying Manweb in 1995. The company said that it was now looking at combining management operations between Manweb and ScottishPower.

The multi-utility, of which Murray Stuart is chairman, said that it was within weeks of announcing a major alliance with a national company to sell utilities when full competition is in place for gas and electricity.

In the year to March 31, sales rose by 29.5 per cent, to £2.9 billion, with the addition of Southern Water. Pre-tax profits rose by 37.9 per cent, to £558.4 million. The dividend rises by 19.4 per cent, to 18.5p, payable on October 1.

ton said: "It is very difficult to

see how the April 1998 dead-

line can be met, let alone October if the next phase is

BG, the half of the former

British Gas that encompasses

Transco and exploration and production, delivered a 23 per

cent fall in first quarter pre-tax

profits to £711 million. Warmer weather helped to cut

Transco's sales by E83 million.

Exploration and production

started earlier."

Ian Russell, left, ScottishPower finance director, Murray Stuart and Ian Robinson **Provision for new** tax absent at BG

BG yesterday declared that it should not pay a windfall tax because, in the words of Philip yet in place to implement the ambitious scheme. Mr Hamp-Hampton, finance director, it was "simply a matter of fact that there had been no windfall for investors" (Christine Buckley writes).

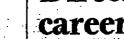
His comments came after the industry regulator had declared that a windfall tax should not be needed if she had done her job. BG, which is believed to be

taking legal advice on the tax, refused to make a windfall tax provision in its accounts, say-

cheaply: monopoly com-panies then were weakly reg-ulated and shareholders benefited to the detriment of

customers.
It could be applied in four companies.

A plan to devolve the tax on scheme of John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister.



Director quits for career in teaching GEORGE SHAND, finance director of Hay & Robertson, is

giving up his £55,000 a year job with the sportswear group to become a primary school teacher. Mr Shand, a law graduate and a trained accountant, will join the University of London next session for a one-year intensive teacher training course before seeking a job in the profession. Lance Yates, chief executive, said: "Its a very brave decision. His wife is a headmistress and he's been a school governor for seven years

— he sees teaching as his vocation and his first love." Mr Shand leaves with a shareholding worth £445,000. He was part of the six-man team that took over Hay & Robertson 18 months ago when it was a cash shell with shares trading at 10p against yesterday's closing price of 148½ p. The company made a profit of £638,000 (£260,000 loss) in the six months to March 31. Earnings were 2p a share (1.7p loss) and there is no dividend.

Carlisle makes profit

CARLISLE, the property company run by Nigel Wray, the entrepreneur, returned to the black with a pre-tax profit of £330,000 (£4.06 million loss). Property sales were £9.2 million over the year, allowing £7.2 million of loans to be repaid. The company said it was considering a "broad range" of acquisition opportunities but did not comment on speculation that Market Market and sales were the company said. that Mr Wray will use it as a vehicle to take over Noningham Forest football club. Again there is no dividend.

United News stable

UNITED NEWS & MEDIA, the media and exhibitions group, said in a trading statement yesterday that circulation at the Express newspapers had stabilised after their redesign. Lord Stevens, the United chairman who is reverting to a parttime role, said circulation of the titles has climbed in each of the first four months of this year over the second half of last year. Group revenues are "showing satisfactory growth", he said, with trading in line with expectations.

Pound hurts Coats

COATS VIYELLA, the textiles company, said that the competitiveness of UK-manufactured exports has been weakened by the strength of sterling, a factor that would also have an impact on the translation of profits this year. However, the company told shareholders at its annual meeting that the underlying trading performance should benefit from savings from its restructuring programme and from more favourable conditions in some markets.

MAID back in black

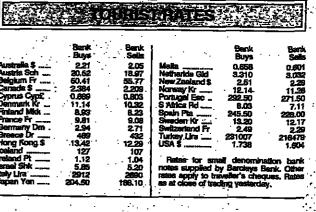
MAID, the online information company, returned its first quarterly profit in almost three years yesterday after its plan to concentrate on winning customers from the US delivered results. It made a pre-tax profit of £2.34 million (£1.43 million. loss) in the first three months of the year. It won 80 per cent more business from America in the quarter and cut marketing costs to 35 per cent of sales. Earnings were 1.31p a share (1.61p loss), but there is no dividend. The shares rose 3p to 240½ p.

Majedie asset value up

MAJEDIE INVESTMENTS, the self-managed trust that concentrates on listed investments, lifted its net asset value per share by 4.6 per cent, to 298p a share in the six months to March 31. The company said that it expected UK shares to continue to offer higher yields than overseas equities and would continue its domestic bias. In spite of a slight decline in revenue in the last three months, it is lifting the interim dividend to 3p (2.5p), due on June 9.

Marvel board loses case

A FEDERAL judge has granted bondholders of Marvel Entertainment Group the right to vote their shares to elect directors to the comic book company's board. But he postponed the effective date of his decision by ten days to allow Marvel time to try to stop the bondholders from seizing control of the company that is behind Spider Man and Captain America. His decision overturns one by a bankruptcy judge restraining bondholders, led by financier Carl Icahn.



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that assets were sold too

main ways: on sales, on what may be judged to be excess shareholder returns against benchmark measures; on pre-tax profit; or on what could be judged to be excess pre-tax profit against comparable

According to the Institute of Fiscal Studies, if a tax was imposed using sales as its basis, then the generators would be looking at an 18 per cent share of a tax. If it were applied on shareholder re-turns they would be faced with a 27 per cent slice.

While Labour has pledged that the tax would be a one-off it has not indicated how it may be paid. It could be that it goes for a higher figure but asks for payment in two or more tranches.

a regional basis could resurface. This has been a favourite Direct borrowers, that the Interest Rate charged will be increased by 0.36%. This increase will take effect from 18 May 1997 for all variable rate borrowers apart from those mentioned in the next paragraph.

Borrowers who are entitled to written notice, and borrowers whose mortgages are regulated under the terms of the Consumer Credit Act 1974, will be notified by individual letter, of when the rate increase will apply.

Under the Society's annual review scheme, borrowers will be advised of the new Monthly Mortgage Payment on the annual mortgage statement that is issued in January.



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saw a turnaround in the first ng it had not got sufficient three months of 1997, when a information to set out a figure. E7 million loss in the same per-The company also issued a iod of last year was transfresh warning about the roll-out of competition in domestic gas, saying systems were not formed into a £40 million profit on the back of rising prices and exploration successes Finding a method of **MORTGAGE RATES FOR** payment **BRADFORD & BINGLEY** By Christine Buckley **BORROWERS** THE big question is how the windfall tax will be implemented. The rationale for it is Notice is given to all Bradford & Bingley Building Society variable rate borrowers, including Mortgages

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ordon Brown may be furrous that British Telecom has directed a legal challenge to his utility tax. The potential victims, who include 30 of the country's key investing businesses and nearly. investing businesses and nearly all its investors, have much

better cause for anger. At least two years after this most old-Labour of the Governmost old-Labour of the Govern-capital cannot be compared ment's policies was fully formed a across utilities. That is why but only weeks before Mr Brown different utilities lobby for dif-delivers his Budget, the victims iterem bases. Attempts to define have little idea how much he cares profits invite legal wranintends to raise which companies he intends to raise if from or on what hasis the levy will be made. The amount is a matter for the Cabinet. Labour should have

spelt out proposals for its use scope and basis long ago.
At one extreme of uncertainty is BAA, which has done remarkably well since privatisation but is not most people's idea of a regulated monopoly utility. At the other is Centrica, which is clearly all three, but could be forced into all three, but could be forced into insolvency by a uniform levy on turnover or profits back to 1986. According to the test adopted, BT could face a bill for more than £1

billion or nothing.

By now Geoffrey Robinson, the Treasury Minister belatedly told to work out the tax, will know he has a much harder job than those who designed the bank levy of 1981. Utilities have bank levy of 1981. Utilities have excesses were evident, not such common thread as BT shareholders should pay

How to avoid a levy for lawyers

banks and there is no fair way to levy a tax on all.

Turnover, profits or return on casess profits invite legal wran-gling. There are crude international comparisons for BT but mone for water.

Regulators could compare actual profits with those they projected but that could only apply to profits after the first review from 1995 in electricity and water. If different bases are applied to different industries, let alone among companies within those industries, the seemingly limited scope for appeals to the European Court or for Parliamentary challenge multiplies.

The only objective test comparable across utilities is to

measure excess returns to shareholders from privatisation to now, or to the date of takeover. This is not fair either, because it penalises good management and helps out laggards. But it would fall most heavily where the

nothing because they would have been better off in an index trust. whether they invested in 1984, 1991 or 1993. Regional electricity companies, which paid out billions in excess cash without any adverse impact on their businesses, and water companies, some of which were obliged to follow suit, would pay a lot. If anyone should, they should.

Hoerner gets Burton out of a corner

hen Burton Group re-ported its first-half fig-ures yesterday, the stock market chose to ignore the rocketing sales and profits and to concentrate instead on a rather downbeat report on the last few weeks trading. Such a superficial judgment is scant reward for the company's

achievements. Chief executive John Hoerner is so determined that his team should be judged on performance that he refused to avail himself of the retailer's favourite escape clause and blame the weather. But for once, the clouds provide a genuine excuse for what will be but a

temporary hull in sales.

Hoerner took over the top job at Burton shortly after Liam Strong moved in at Sears. It is interesting to speculate what might have been achieved if their roles had been reversed. Although he admits that he has failed to find a formula to persuade fashionable men to shop in the relics of the original Montagu Burton chain of shops, Hoerner has taken the group out of the red and towards profits of £200 million.

The kitchen-sink write-offs favoured by some incoming rescue

THE cost of the £23 billion merger

between Guinness and Grand Metro-

politan will be less than the £91

million of fees incurred when Royal

Insurance merged with Sun Alliance, Guinness shareholders were told yes-

terday. In response to questioning

from Roger Mead, a Guinness share-holder who attacked "fat cats in the

managers have been avoided and there have been no wholesale disposals of brands. Hoemer and his team have gradually rebuilt what was there, tuning it into the market place and laying the foundations for future profit growth by moving into areas such as inter-national franchising and mail

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COMMENTARY

by our City Editor

Only menswear has been recalcitrant in responding to his efforts, but Hoemer is not about to throw up his hands, as Sears has with shoes, and shriek for someone to rid him of the problem: he is, after all, making a profit, albeit small, from the shops. Instead, he is trialling new formats which might have more appeal to the current brand-conscious young men, who seem to feel inadequate if they do not have a polo player or the like riding across their chests.

legal, accounting and banking profes-sions", Philip Yea, the group's finance director, said that the final cost would

be "south of" the Royal Sun Alliance

Mr Yea would not give any more details of the expense of the merger at

the group's annual shareholder meet-

ing, where Guinness gave warning

that the strong pound would reduce this year's profits by £60 million.

The move may signal the even-tual end of the Burton name on the high street, but not in the stock market.

The analysts who were so quick to show their disappointment yesterday should look be-yond the last few gloomy days. The sun will surely shine again and Burton will reap the

Today Dillon Read, tomorrow ...

o SBC Warburg has finally got itself a smart US investment bank to take on the rest of Wall Street, not to mention the world. The partners of Dillon Read have persuaded SBC to overcome its wariness of overpaying for a US prize and the

timing of the move looks cute. Tax-free savings plans are gen erating huge new business for US fund managers. More important now though is for SBC Warburg to tap into the other lucrative deals for which Dillon Read is noted. These include corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and US equity and debt underwriting.

Bernard Arnault, the only Gumness director to oppose the merger, failed to

turn up for the meeting. Tony Greener, the Guinness chairman, said

that M Arnault had said some months

ago that he would not be able to attend

because of a conflicting board

Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, the French drinks group that holds 14.2

M Amault is chairman of LVMH-

But SBC Warburg Dillon Read will be competing with the likes of JP Morgan, Merrill Lynch and Goldman Sachs. Many observ-ers of global investment banking believe there are already too many players on the scene. The Wall Street bubble has been buoyant for a good two or three years and predictions of a serious correction have been made by experts including Alan Greenspan, head of the Federal Reserve.

His forebodings will not have been wasted on SBC, so the purchase of Dillon Read must be seen as merely a step towards accomplishing a grand design. If the predicted crunch comes, it will have a strong US base from which to pick up its competitors at bargain prices. That is the ultimate way to dominate the investment banking world.

Protect APR fools

UNIGEL GRIFFITHS was a loud voice speaking out for consumers when he was in Opposition and it seems that he intends to continue in that role as Minister. If he focuses his early efforts on organisations that charge skyhigh rates of interest to those who believe that APRs may have something to do with April but no relevance to them, he will find few opponents except those with obvious vested interests claiming that they serve a public need.

said that Guinness had been in contact

with M Arnault in the past week but

there were no plans to meet him before the next LVMH board meeting, early

in June. Mr Greener is a director of

will retain his stake in a merged

group, although it will be reduced to just 7 per cent.

M Arnault has yet to say whether he

MAM warning accompanies £31m increase

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BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY Asset Management (MAM) yesterday cele-brated ten years as a public company by unveiling a £31 million rise in annual pre-tax profits to £171.3 million. But the gain came with a warning that the exceptional growth rates of the past decade may

not be sustainable. Since 1987, MAM, one of the UK's most successful money managers, has set an impressive track record, with funds under management growing from £21.4 billion to £89.7 billion, a compound annual growth rate of 15.4 per cent. In the past 12 months to March 31 the fund manager has £5.3 billion, with 20 new pension fund accounts being won in Japan.

MAM lifted its final dividend, payable on July 2, to 35p, against 29p last time, making a full-year payout of 45p, against 35p previously. Hugh Stevenson, MAM chairman, ruled out a special share buy-back, which some market analysts had been expecting. The shares were marked down 6912p to close at £13.72. Mr Stevenson and Carol



Galley: collegiate approach

men, emphasised that the past ten years had been an extremely favourable climate for ever, Mr Stevenson added: "Our revenues vary with the levels of the stock and bond markets in which our clients' funds are invested and more Galley, MAM's vice chair than ever it is impossible to

coming year."

Ms Galley, in particular. insisted that her successful 200-strong team of fund managers would continue to take a collegiate approach to managing money on behalf on pen-sion funds, retail investors and charities.

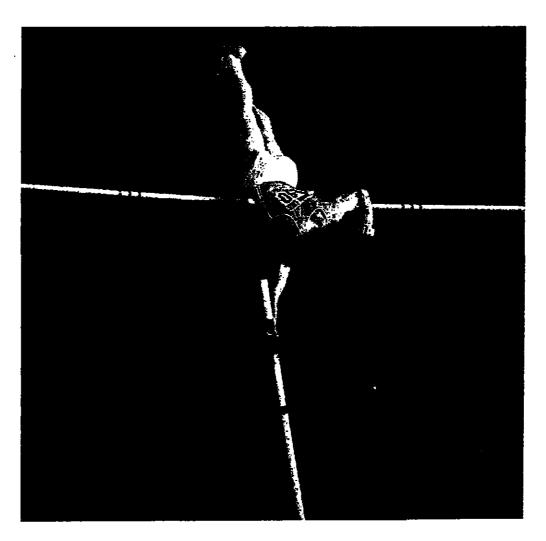
The latest results from MAM, which reported a rise in adjusted earnings per share to 63.8p, from 53p previously, included two exceptional items that created a £7.8 million oneoff credit. Mercury Bank, a Swiss subsidiary, was sold and the accounts credited with a minimum profit figure of £17.9 million, while an excep-tional charge of £10.1 million was made to take account of ance contributions.

Operating costs rose more sharply than previous years to £220 million, from £170 million last time, partly because systems but also because of "higher variable remuneration". The most senior MAM executives are locked in on long-term bonus plans and share option schemes, many of which cannot be exercised for a number of years.

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Guinness merger to cost less than £91m



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Goldman earns £9m in BP sale

By CARL MORTISHED

investment bank will carn more than £9 million from placing a 3 per cent stake in British Petroleum, part of the 9.5 per cent interest controlled by the Kuwaiti Investment Office. Goldman's success in securing the £1.2 billion sale mandate will have infuriated UK

GOLDMAN SACHS, the US

rivals, which would normally expect to share such lucrative business relating to a blue chip British company.
The share sale was priced at a 4 per cent discount to Wednesday's closing price.
Goldman bought 170 million BP shares at 710 2 p and placed them at 716p, a large compo-

nent ending up in the hands of Goldman's US clients. The whole transaction was completed in about 12 hours and BP's price closed at 724p.

down less than 3 per cent. The KIO sought bids from three parties late on Wednes-

day via an intermediary, believed to be Schroders, the merchant bank. Each of the securities firms approached, including Goldman Sachs, UBS and a consortium of

confidentiality undertakings. The shortlist stunned many brokers in the City as it excluded leading houses such as SBC Warburg and Nat-West Securities. Less than two years ago, Warburg was chosen to conduct the sale of the Government's remaining 2

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and Salomon Bros had to sign

per cent stake in BP. The KIO acquired a stake of more than 22 per cent in 1987 after the market crash but was forced to reduce the holding to less than 10 per cent after intervention by the UK Government. Yesterday's sale was prompted by concern that the holding was proving too large a part of the KIO's assets.

All-in-one smartcard on its way

By Robert Miller

A CONSORTIUM of eight leading silicon companies and plastic card providers been formed to launch the ultimate smartcard. Led by Mondex Internation-

al, MasterCard, Hitachi, Motorola and Siemens, the consortium, known as Maosco, plans to make a card with a special chip that will provide services such as creddebit and telephone card facilities and season tickets on

one piece of plastic.
Nick Habgood, head of
Maosco, said that banks were likely to be among the first issuers of the card, which could have services added or deleted as a customer wanted. Until now, multipurpose plastic cards have had to be specially manufactured and could not be altered. The newstyle smartcard would make the cost of providing multiple services much cheaper.

Deputy to succeed Hanson



Collins favourite

will succeed Lord Hanson as chairman of Hanson, the former conglomerate now focused on building and construction materials after the demerger of tobacco and ener-

Lord Hanson will retire from the board at the end of of March. Hanson earned this year, becoming chairman emeritus. Mr Collins, the depnty chairman, was considered favourite to succeed Lord Hanson but a delay in the confirmation of his appointment raised the prospect of the role going to an outsider. Yesterday Hanson, whose

CHRISTOPHER COLLINS continuing activities include ARC, the aggregates business, and Hanson Brick, said it was enjoying the benefit of a recovery in UK construction. with price rises and an increase in demand for building

> In the six months to the end pre-tax profits of £264.6 mila share. The results included a five month contribution from The Energy Group, which has since been demerged. In the first half of the previous year profits were £766.2 million.

Sale of BP stake sets the tone for a downbeat day

BP oiled the dealing wheels in early trading yesterday after it emerged that the Kuwaiti In-vestment Office had sold a 3 per cent stake. The news with about 177 million shares changing hands.

BP also went ex dividend yesterday and its shares ended 20p lower at 7245p, setting a downbeat tone in the market.

results and continuing profittaking gave traders plenty to digest. Shares retreated dur-ing the morning and at their worst were 32 points adrift. The FT-SE 100 clawed its way back to end at its best of the day of 4,681.2, down 5.7.

British Gas was cheered higher in anticipation of broker upgrades after upbeat comments on first-quarter figures. BG added 6p to 1872p with more than 20 million shares changing hands.

BT moved up 3p to 45212p. after unveiling pre-tax profits of E3.2 billion and reigniting the debate over the Government's plans to levy a windfall tax. BAA joined the fray. supporting BT in talk of legal moves to avoid the tax. Its shares added 12p to 5402p.

ScottishPower rose to 400p after its results but slipped back to close at 390p, off 4p. National Power held on to its gains and closed at 563p, up lop, while PowerGen added 8p to 68212p.

Heavy trading was seen in Amec, the contruction group, after Kvaerner sold its 26 per cent stake. The 53 million shares were placed at 140p. Amec closed at 146½p, up 5p, on volume of 107 million.

Rentokil Initial, led the FT-SE 100 pack with a rise of nearly 5 per cent. Shares rose 202p to 4492p ahead of its annual meeting today.

Among other strong performers in the top 100, Safeway continued to gain ground after Wednesday's good figures, with the shares adding 612 p to 361p. Reckitt & Colman enjoyed another good day, jumping to a high of 916p, up 11p, in the wake of recent trading comments.

Pearson, the media group had another bad day, losing been this year. Zeneca rose 15p to £19.8312 after announcing a new link with key DNA company in which Zeneca has A 30p rise to E12.81½ was



Tony Greener, of Guinness, saw the shares end 6p lower

rung up by Glaxo Wellcome. after its US business received FDA approval for Zyban, a prescription treatment to help smokers give up. Phytopharm rose Ilp to 1432p on news of its research agreement in Indonesia for treatment of osteoarthritis. Higher first-half sales figures from Therapeutic Antibodies pushed its shares 8 p higher to 365p Mercury Asset Manage

ment saw its shares knocked 692p lower to £13.72 despite rising profits. Hints that the current rate of growth may not continue combined with disappointment over expectations of a special dividend or share buyback, were blamed for the share price fall.

Profit-taking took the UK banks lower with Lloyds TSB off 7p to 6032p, and Royal Bank of Scotland down 19p to

132p lower at 694p while

Marks & Spencer fell 114p

to 508p. Dixons dropped

L3p to 498p while Kingfish-

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group, proved more resilient, adding 3½p to 72lp.

Despite its recent run the

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lag behind the market.

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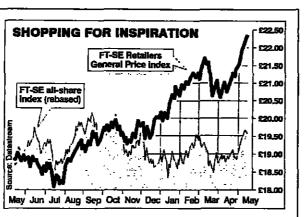
and groups such as Next

remain a sector choice.

levels this year, and eased

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SHARES in Burton continued their uneven progress as half-year results failed to impress the City. The retailer ended as the worst performer among FT-SE 100 stocks, with a near-6 per cent drop, ending off 9p at 145p, the lowest this year.

Burton was not alone among retailers being squeezed. The sector has concerns about a further rise in interest rates, and what the Budget may have

al meeting today, closed

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the strong pound resurfaced squeeze prices. GKN fell ba 28 p to 937 p after co ments at the annual meeting Coats Viyella was trimm 12p to 1262p after Sir Da Alliance, chairman, also ga warning that sterling strength would affect profit Guinness ended op lower

566 p after its annual me ing also made reference to t effect of the pound, wh planned merger partner Grand Metropolitan closed at 5664p, off 24p.

Encouraging comments on trading and a buy recommendation from house brokers SBC Warburg helped to propel shares in Independent insurance to a new high of 7984p, up 46p. Independent looks cheap says the broker which has upgraded its target price to £10 and is forecasting pre-tax profits of £30 million. Manchester United was in

demand with shares climbing 232p to 6192p, while Sheffield United jumped 11p to 64p, ahead of its play-off next week for a place in the lucrative Premiership.

BTR was also in demand. putting on 4p to 2192p, with more than 18 million shares being traded, while Hanson ended 6½p lower at 322½p after reporting a small increase in first-half interim profits.

New issue Newmark Technology rose to a 3p premium at 13p on its first day while ALM-quoted Fayrewood returned after its recent acquisition to add 32p at 562p. Aggregate Industries, also on its first day of trading since its merger, rose 3½ p to 52p.

☐ GILT-EDGED: The gilts

market followed the equities, dropping back after failing to respond to inflation figures before rallying in later trading. By the close the June series of the long gilt was down E332 at £1141432 on improved volumes of 96,000. In shorts the Treasury 8 per cent 2000 ended down 132 at £1032032 while the Treasury 8 per cent 2015 closed down £732

at £1092132. □ NEW YORK: Wall Street marked time as shares and At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was ahead 0.82 points at 7,286.98.

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TEMPUS Cash down the well

SOMEWHERE in the files over the demerger and the row with Ofgas, the market forgot that BG owns a few wells in the North Sea. It show any growth in its dividend, but these also owns wells in Tunisia, Thailand and a major gas field in Trinidad. In short, BG is

not just a pipeline business with problems.

BG's upstream business is important; it generated £40 million of profit in the first quarter of this year and could be on track to deliver £120 million in a full year. More important still, it is progressing in the natural cycle of any well-managed oil and gas production company. After a period of avid cash-consumption when the company invested in the expensive kit of an off-shore oilfield, it is becoming cash generative. First production is expected from the huge Armada field in October and it is entirely plausible that operating profit from BG's upstream business could be £400 million

results suggest that growth is not just possible but highly probable.

The profitability of Transco remains un-known until the MMC rules on the pricing formula but even on the proposals. Transco's free cash flow, after tax is probably about 5p per share. Meanwhile, the exploration business should be able to contribute about 2p to

the dividend, providing investors with 7p.

A conservative valuation of the upstream assets is about £1 per share which leaves Transco valued at \$7p. Assuming a 5p net dividend on that investment, the yield on Transco is over 7 per cent for a fairly safe but dull utility. The MMC could still do something wild but this looks cheap, indeed.

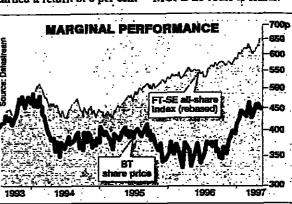
BT

FORGET the windfall profits tax. There is a chance that BT, which argues convincingly that it is not a utility, will be exempt from be exempt from Labour's windfall tax or that the charge will be minimal. For BT shareholders, there are more important issues.

The fourth-quarter results reveal that competition and the Oftel-imposed price reductions are taking their toll. calls, for example, declined almost 5 per cent in the quarter while international calls fell almost 16 per cent. As the cable companies expand their networks the trend can only continue.

Hence BT's decision to expand overseas. The strategy is sound, but the chosen route is still questionable. The centrepiece of BT's strategy is its £13 billion acquisition of MCI, America's second-largest long-distance operator. The purchase will virtually double BT's size and make it a big player in the world's largest telecoms market. But the American market is no picnic. MCI's pre-tax profit margins are typically less than half of BT's and last year, MCI earned a return of 6 per cent

make matters worse, MCI's profits margins are likely to fall before they rise. More competitors are piling into the international calls market. MCI's core business. and the company has found no easy route into the highermargin local market BT is right to expand overseas, but MCI is no route to riches.



MAM

THOSE who live off commissions will die with the markets, or at least be a lot worse off if the bulls are no longer pushing the market upwards. Mercury Asset Management gave its investors a healthy reminder that about half of the growth in its funds under management resulted from soaring share prices. The arrival of a Labour Government seems to have given it pause for thought and, notwithstanding the bubbling FT-SE 100 index, MAM questions whether such growth

rates will be maintained. Fund managers who heed this warning should look at their cost base. Bull markers breed such oxymorons as "guaranteed bonuses" and rising rapidly will be under pressure to pay more to keep talented younger staff.

Fortunately, MAM has been able to expand its business through its own efforts and, even if the markets do

not oblige, there is no sign that the flow of funds is drying up. The savings ratio is rising and personal pension provision could become the norm in the not-toodistant future. Top-rated fund managers can only gain in such a world. It is therefore hardly surprising that MAM feels no pressure to trim its plump balance sheet. On a long view. MAM's expensive shares will do well.

ScottishPower

SCOTTISHPOWER'S byword is prudence. The multiutility cut more costs than expected when it acquired Manweb two years ago and is likely to produce similar results with Southern Water. ScottishPower was quick to

gy, believing that it could get a grip on the nation's homes for the provision of essential ser-vices. While others scoffed about the narrow margins involved, Scottish Power ploughed ahead. The Scottish utility's

slimming diet has worked, but the market will be waiting to see whether the big picture is as impressive: can it turn geographically separate companies into a national utility. ScottishPower now serves one in five UK homes with electricity, gas or water.

Waiting in the wings, we are told, is a marriage made in heaven - a large consumer-based national company prepared to sign an alliance with ScottishPower in anticipation of the day when the domestic energy market be-comes a free-for-all. ScomshPower is being cov about the identity of its partner, but the link could trans-

form energy buying. ScottishPower has built a solid business; with a huge consumer-based ally it could mestic energy cake. Its shares are less volatile than many and could have considerable upside if the company. achieves a coup.

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Labour gives up key weapon in fight against joblessness

The number of unemployed

will rise

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growth is restrained

a Prime Minister in power who understands that the main purpose of govern-ment has nothing to do with economics. Kings, emperors and chieftains were not invented to manage the economy, to set interest rates or to tax and spend. The primary purpose of government was always and still is to create a framework of social arrangements and laws within which the citizens can lead a better, more secure life. The essence of Labour's electoral appeal was Tony Blair's claim that he could change

British life for the better without raising taxes or public spending. The Tories, along with most media commentators, declared this to be impossible: more active government without more public spending Queen's Speech on Wednesday should have silenced these materialist cynics. Reforming teaching methods in schools; restoring local democracy to London; devolving power to Scotland and Wales; barning handguns: introducing the concept of human rights into English law: none of these measures will cost much money. Yet they could make more difference to life in Britain than adding or taking a

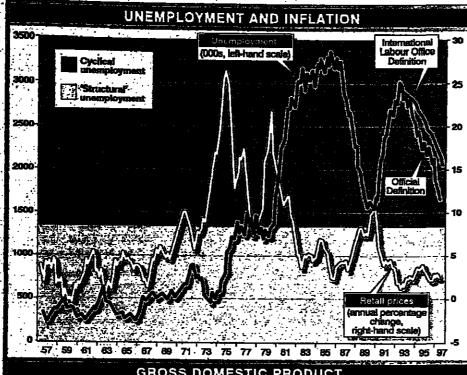
But to say that economics is not the essence of government is not the same as saying that governments are immune from the laws of economics. While there is much that a modern government: can economy, all its achievements will turn to dust if the economy goes wrong. So when the emment's economic proposals all my enthusiasm turned to

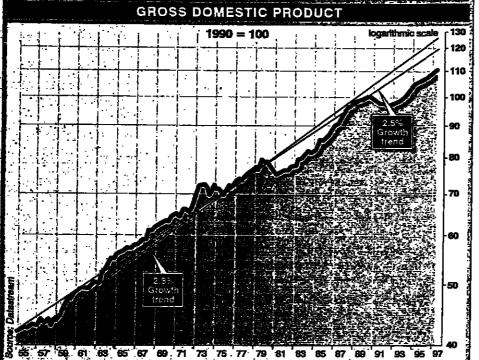
penny off income tax.

foreboding and regret. Labour's biggest and most dangerous economic gamble giving independence to the Bank of England — was dis-cussed in this column last week. "ut there is an even worse error of omission which sits like a huge vacuum at the centre of Labour's programme, threatening to swallow up all the extravagant hopes raised by Mr Blair. This black hole is the absence of a Labour policy

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on unemployment. This Government could have marked a final break with the monetarist orthodoxy which has been responsible for the mass unemployment of the Tory era, an orthodoxy which John Major and Kenneth Clarke, to their eternal credit, gradually abandoned after 1992. (Hearing Mr Major's impassioned and eloquent attack on central bank independence in the Queen's Speech debate almost made me wish





he was again standing on the ment and the associated social years of rapid growth. Yet achieve without touching the other side of the aisle.) By building on the Major Government's courageous reinstatement of demand management Queen came to the new Gov- at the centre of economic policymaking in Britain, Mr Blair could have had a real chance to tackle the poverty, crime, social dislocation and educational failure caused by permanent mass unemploy-ment if he doubts the connection between demand-management and his beloved social agenda, Mr Blair should read two highly accessible books published by distinguished neo-Keynesian economists in the past few months -

Full Employment: A Pledge Betrayed by John Grieve Smith and How to Save the Underclass by Robin Marris. For anyone who wants to understand what really caused both the mass unemployment and the social dislocation of the 1980s, these two slim volumes are worth a library-full of books about stakeholding. communitarianism and the

Yet it seems that the Blair Government has quite deliberately passed up the chance to

do anything about unemploy-

This may sound preposterous. Policies on youth unemployment, welfare, education and training were, after all, the main items announced in Labour's election manifesto and the legislative programme announced this week. The tragedy is that all of the promises to cut dole queues and reintegrate the underclass will only raise expectations that Labour can have no hope of fulfilling as long as it sticks to the economic philosophy espoused by Gordon Brown.

he reforms proposed by Labour - making welfare less attractive, removing disincentives in the tax and benefit systems, retraining the long-term unemployed — are entirely designed to increase the supply of labour. They will do little or nothing to increase the number of jobs available in the

economy or labour demand.

This would be fine if the main economic problem today were "structural" unemployment, which persists even when an economy is working

at full capacity after many

comparisons with the fullemployment era of the 1950s and 1960s show that at least a quarter of the present two million plus level of true unemployment is not structural. It is due simply to the fact that demand in the economy been restrained below its trend rate of growth for the past 20 years (see charts). The demand for labour will

only increase in the context of faster economic growth. But Labour's economic package gives no reason to expect an acceleration of growth. On the contrary, the Bank of England stated explicitly in Tuesday's Inflation Report that "action must be taken to slow the pace of expansion" and the querulous Old Lady of Threadneedle Street is now in a position to make good on her threats.

Yes, say Labour spokesmen, but the threat of a monetary tightening only clouds the short-term outlook. In the long-run, better training, combined with the tax changes and other structural reforms to be introduced in forthcoming Budgets will increase the economy's capacity for stable noninflationary growth for years a Labour government will be to raise the trend rate of growth by strengthening our wealth-creating base," the party's manifesto said.

That is an objective which nobody could disagree with. Unfortunately it begs the question of why Mr Brown is so confident that he can raise the long-term growth trend, an aspiration which has eluded every government in every industrialised country in the past three decades. But even leaving such doubts aside. Labour's fervour for "longtermism" in economic policy raises another more pressing issue increasing the economy long-term trend growth rate wil do absolutely nothing to creat jobs for the unemployed.

its rate of growth in one of two ways. If Lihere are large numbers of workers unemployed. output can be raised by demand-management policies to the full-employment or "trend" level, putting the jobless back to work and closing the socalled "output-gap" (see bottom chart). Alternatively, supply-side improvements can conceivably jolt the economy's supply-side from one longterm growth trend into another higher one. If this happens, output, productivity and average living standards can all rise faster than before, year

The second possibility, offering a permanent acceleration of the growth rate, seems infinitely preferable (if it can be achieved) to the first, which implies only a one-off benefit. But is this true? Accelerating the growth trend can certainly benefit the rich, the owners of land and capital, and the workers whose skills are in short supply. For the poor and the unemployed, however, a faster growth in the supply trend can make matters worse. In fact, if demand growth continues to be restrained at the same rate as before, a higher output trend will actu-

ally increase unemployment. The practical upshot of these abstract-sounding arguments should be quite clear. A government whose top priorities are to integrate the underclass, to help the poor and to reduce unemployment must focus on policies to boost demand. The last thing it should do is to hand over the most important lever of demand-management to an independent central bank whose task is to guarantee a low rate of inflation. For the only known way of guaranteeing low inflation is to maintain a large output gap and a large pool of unemployed labour. To put the same point another way, there is only one way of reducing unemployment to the absolute minimum required to keep inflation under control. This is to keep pushing unemployment downards until inflation starts to accelerates. In other words by taking a calculated risk with inflation. A government and a central bank which refuse to "take risks with inflation" will never achieve full employment. Without risks there are no

GCHQ move signals mild change in climate for unions

Restoration of trade union rights at the GCHQ intelligence centre ends the 13-year ban on union membership at the UK's main spy listening base. Thus the new Government has rapidly righted what Labour has always seen as a wrong.

However, the Government's legislative programme for the new parliamentary session noably did not include proposals for new laws on union recognition. So for business, where does that leave the issue of trade unions?

Yesterday's move by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, brings GCHQ employees into line with Labour's policy. When Tony Blair was Shadow Employment Secretary he scrapped Labour's support for the closed shop, insisting that employees under Labour would have the right to join, or not to join, a trade union.

The GCHQ move may well have few practical repercus-sions elsewhere, especially for business. But it does carry a clear signal that the climate of public policy in this area, a vital factor in the conduct of employee relations, is now different.

But not yet too different Significantly, as The Times disclosed yesterday, the Prime Minister has already met, within days of taking office. Britain's business leaders, but he has yet to meet formally leaders of the UK's trade unions. And no room was found in the legislative programme outlined in the Queen's Speech to enact Labour's election pledges on employment rights, including the provision for the statutory recognition of trade unions where a majority of the relevant workforce wants it.

In the election campaign, the Conservatives did better than many had expected in raising the old bogey of trade union power. Unlike in 1987 and 1992, when they tried but failed to whip up fears about the unions, their attempts this time were much more successful.

Even so, Labour got into difficulty in the campaign over the issue of union recognition - in part, because it had not thought through properly its policy on it. While Labour's projected timetable for legislaPhilip Bassett looks at when

the question of recognition

> is likely to be tackled

tion never included union recognition in its priorities for the first parliamentary session (unlike the minimum wage) the 18month gap before Labour's next Queen's Speech means that the Government now has a breathing space to work out in detail what its proposals for new union law will be.

But that gap also means that employers concerned about the prospect of recognising unions. some of whom lobbied Labour strongly on the proposals in advance of the election, also have time to regroup. Their campaign is likely to be more forceful than the previous one. Companies in sectors such as

printing and publishing will lobby vigorously, for two reasons. First, many have derecognised trade unions, lifting them completely out of their structures. Secondly, in some industries union membership is often a badge of occupational qualification, so many employees remain union members despite derecognition.

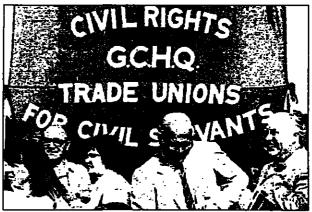
Firms in such sectors may expect to see their employees easily pass the 50 per cent + 1

union recognition when Labour's proposals are en-acted. Banking, where in the face of large-scale technologydriven job cuts, employees have huddled to unions and staff associations, is a similar area.

Even if the expected lobbying is in vain, declining union membership will mean many companies escape any new provisions. In 1984, when the Conservative Covernment derecognised unions at GCHQ, union density in Britain, the proportion of the workforce in trade unions, was almost 60 per cent. By last year, it was down to almost half its 1984 level, at 32 per cent. The figure disguises big variations — for instance, a density of 61 per cent among public sector workers compared with 21 per cent in the private sector.

In growth employment areas such as hotels, density was as low as 6 per cent, while among part-timers it is now down to some 23 per cent for women and only 12 per cent for men. With these kind of figures, the number of companies likely to be affected by union recognition legislation when it comes

looks set to be small. Trade union leaders, already buoyed by Labour's election win, were yesterday celebrating GCHQ's reunionisation. But once the partying stops, even if pro-union laws are enacted the unions will realise that it will be up to them to convince employers and employees of their continuing worth rather than expecting the Gov-



Labour always saw derecognition at GCHQ as a wrong

BUSINESS LETTERS

Prospects after demutualisation

From Dr S. J. Jennings Sir, The point has been well made in recent articles that those building societies and insurers who remain "mutual" will be able to provide better terms for their members than those institutions who demutualise and will need to pay dividends to shareholders. If this proves to be the case,

surely most clients will take their business to the remaining "mutuals"? The new Pics will lose business, dividends will fall and their share prices will decline.

Yours faithfully. S. J. JENNINĞS. The Moat House, Church Street, Blackmore.

> Letters to The Times Business section can be sent by fax on 0171-782 5112.

Rubython and Sunday Business

Sir. In The Times (April 5), it was stated, in an article by Jason Nissé, that I had left the Sunday Business newspaper and was involved in re-launching a magazine called BusinessAge, Jason Nissé did not speak to me before writing

From Mr Tom Rubython

the article and the facts were wholly wrong. I remain editor-

now or in the future. Equally am prevented by contractual obligations from taking any part in the re-launch of BusinessAge magazine and will not be doing so. Yours sincerely, TOM RUBYTHON,

and have no plans to leave

3 Cavendish Square, W1.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "SORRY"?

plaintiff n. 1 common domestic argument (it's your turn to wash up; what time do you call this? etc) 2 a person who brings a case against another in court.

tort n. 1 an upmarket pastry case containing lemon, jam etc. (attrib) BBC English 2 a civil wrong other than under contract or equity.

Sue n. & v. 1 that Lawley presenter on television 2 term for legal proceedings against a person (usu. foll. by pants off).

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Rotten borough

NEW Labour may have trouble with blackball one of their number they do the House of Lords, but an equally not care for, even if he or she has been feudal structure closer to home is properly elected. heading for the chop. No one denies the need for electoral reform in the the need for electoral reform in the Corporation is prepared to consider the need for electoral reform in the Corporation is prepared to consider abolition but only if prompted from of the Corporation of London you get a outside, even if Michael Cassidy, of the Corporation of London you get a vote. If you run a partnership within those boundaries, you also get a vote. Companies, forget it. So some wards are in the pocket of this accountancy firm or that legal practice. The Corporation accepts a reform of the business rate. But even more fendal is the principle that the 25 aldermen can



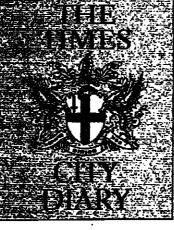
"It's not the principle, it's the money that counts"

Labour thinks this is not on. The former head of the policy committee and still a councillor, says it is "totally indefensible". But aldermen, discharging a largely ceremonial role that is still an essential step to becoming Lord Mayor, are keen to keep the right of veto. A pity Labour is unlikely to have such respect for the past.

● THE Department of Useless Statistics strikes again: a survey of the nation's shopping habits proves that young people and the employed are keen to spend but two thirds of pensioners never shop until they drop. The cornerstone to this "research", by a bank I am not going to encourage by naming, is that British shoppers demand value for money".

Green plastic

IN ONE of those mimsy little ges- Life plan tures that makes you want to go out and club a few seal pups to death, the Co-op last week launched its own "green" credit card. The new card is biodegradable, which means it will neatly encompasses his world-view. about sending untrained salesmen



not lie around in mile-high piles poisoming future generations, because it is 99.9 per cent PVC-free. Now the plastics industry has responded with full-page ads — in The Guardian and The Independent. Nothing like taking the struggle to the heart of the enemy - defending PVC. But surely the amount of plastic that goes into credit cards is miniscule - less than 0.035 per cent of all PVC production, according to industry figures. "If there's any risk at all and it can be avoided, it might as well be," says the man at the Co-op bank piously.

MICHAEL BLOOMBERG is in town to launch his autobiography, Bloomberg by Bloomberg, a title that

At the launch party 1 sidle cautiously up to the man who was thrown out of Salomon Brothers for being a hard case, an achievement on a par with being expelled from the Serbian army for excessive brutality. He is just ending a hair-raising anecdote about taking a helicopter out of Rome airport and so missing a fatal accident on the next one out, one of a series of near-appointments with his Maker in an active life. I ask if he has ever thought of slow-

ing down a little - "I've got all eternity to do that" - and tell him I found the book fascinating. It is not the right word. "Fascinating?" He examines the term for possible traces of British irony. Someone else tells him the book is wonderful, brilliant, which is more to his taste.

I return home to the dull south London suburbs, feeling I have, briefly, been touched by greatness.

 WHERE'S the champagne? was the call at the Guinness annual meeting yesterday. One shareholder accused Tony Greener, chairman, of being parsimonious with the bubbly, quoting from a Guinness promotional brochure: "Throughout the world people are celebrating with Moet et Chandon every moment of every day." So why not now?

Two of a kind

JUST when you thought that pension companies had learnt their lesson

after hefty commissions and unsophisticated customers, evidence to the contrary arrives. After being named and shamed this week for mis-selling personal pension plans and then bawled out by Helen Liddell, the Treasury Minister, Equitable Life placed an advertisement for life assurance sales people. It promises a starting salary of between £23,000 and £26,000 "with earnings potential of at least £30,000-£33,000 in the first year. Our most successful sales people earn over £50,000 per year and the production bonus system is open ended." Now spot the difference between a "production bonus" and a commission.

MARTIN WALLER



Michael Bloomberg has all

Airbus wins \$1.5bn order from China

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE yes-terday clinched a \$1.5 billion order to supply China with 30 aircraft, and finalised plans for a new 100-seat airliner, the AE31X, to be built in China to supply Western

The agreements were part of a wave of deals to accompany the arrival in Beijing, of Jacques Chirac, the French President, who is making the first visit to China by a French head of state in 14 years. In other signings, the

Pensions appeal dismissed

THE Court of Appeal has rights test case brought by "dinner" ladies that affects 3.000 former part-time employees of Lancashire County Council (Robert Miller writes). The appeal court upheld

a lower court ruling that BET Catering Services, now part of Rentokill, was entitled not to accept the women, who had worked for the council and had been members of the Local Government Pension Scheme, into its company scheme because they earned less than £15.000 a year. The ruling confirms that, under EC law. firms taking over state services. or the assets of a business. need not provide pension benefits for transferring

employees.

Sue Tye, of Biddle & Co.
the City law firm acting for
BET, said: "It will be interesting to see to what extent pressure will now be applied to the new Government to alter the position."



French companies were eff-ectively excluded from a host of big Chinese contracts in the early 1990s because of French sales of Mirage-2005 aircraft to Taiwan, which Beijing regards as a renegade province. It was not until January 1994, when the Right came back to power in France, that relations were normalised, allowing French companies to compete easily in the Chinese market once again.

Airbus is to supply ten A320s and 20 A32Is to serve the Chinese domestic aviation market, building on an order for 30 A320s that was signed in April 1996. Jean Pierson, the managing director of Airbus, said that the latest order was "a strong vote of confidence" by Chinese customers.

There was widespread interest in the AE31X, which will be built in China, but which will predominantly serve North America and Europe. The aircraft's development costs are estimated at between \$1.7 billion and \$2 billion. About 5,400 of the aircraft are expected to be built over the next 20

Airbus Asia. a joint venture between Airbus and Alenia of Italy, will have a 39 per cent interest in a new joint venture company. Aviation Industries of China will have 46 per cent, and Singapore Technologies will have 15 per cent. Engines will be supplied by Snecma. the French aero-engine manufacturer.

China is expected to emerge as the world's fastest-growing aviation market in the next 25



حكذا من الاصل

James Dyson, the British inventor, has won awards for his revolutionary Dual Cyclone vacuum cleaner

Amway action over Dyson book

By Guy WALTERS

JAMES DYSON, the awardwinning British inventor of the revolutionary Dual Cyclone vacuum cleaner, is beginning to wage a legal battle

with an old foe.

Next Monday, in the United States District Court in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mr Dyson, 50. will defend himself against a preliminary injunction served by Amway, the American corporation. Amway, which has turn-

KVAERNER, the Norwegian

engineering company, has fi-nally relinquished its stake in

Amec, the construction group, almost a year and a half after

its £360 million hostile bid for

Kvaerner said it had sold its

52.8 million shares for almost

£80 million. making a £22 mill-

ion profit on the deal. The

the group was rejected.

over of nearly \$7 billion a the licensing deal, accusing year, is seeking to prevent Mr Mr Dyson of fraud and Dyson, whose company turns over £100 million a year, from publishing his autobiogra-phy, Against the Odds. The reasons date back to April 1984, when Mr Dyson

licensed the design and tech-nology of the dual cyclone cleaner to Arnway for £150,000. In October 1984, Amway claimed the technol-

Kvaerner sells Amec stake

Amec deal and another recent

sale means Kvaerner has hit

the non-core assets disposal

target that it announced after buying Trafalgar House last

Amec launched a spirited

defence against the approach

in December 1995. Although

Kvaerner bought 26.1 per cent

of its ordinary shares and

of litigation, and received millions of dollars. Amway objects to Against the Odds on the grounds that misrepresentation. Mr Dyson had to repay the licensing fee. it violates the terms of that set-In 1987, Amway brought tlement and that it deems cer-

out a dual cyclone cleaner of its own. Mr Dyson sued Amway for patent infringe ment and misappropriation of confidential information. Although Mr Dyson is not ment, it is believed that he

secured support from holders

of a further 10.4 per cent it fell short of the 50 per cent needed

for victory.

After Kvaerner's bid failed,

the holding. Although details

of the stake's buyers have not

been revealed, it is understood

that they went to institutions,

signalled its intention to sell

tain passages to be Mr Dyson said: "I've mere-

ly written what happened. I leave it to the readers to judge for themselves. I am also especially surprised as we were gentlemanly enough to send the book to Amway in advance to see if they wanted to make any cuts. My legal battles with the corporation are an important part of my life — why shouldn't they be

in my autobiography?"
Yesterday, Amway said:
"Amway believes that several false statements by Mr Dyson have irreparably damaged our reputation and have been made in violation of his obligations under the settled agreement. We will vigorously defend the reputation of Amway Corporation."

Rugby chief gets \$700,000 a year to lead Saatchi scrum

Kevin Roberts has a reputation

as 'Rambo', Jason Nissé says

SAATCHI & SAATCHI is to pay Kevin Roberts, its new chief excutive, a basic salary of \$700,000 plus a \$100,000a-year pension as well as bonus payments and share

The colourful business-men, recruited by Bob-See-lert, chief executive of Cordiant two weeks ago, is to spend one week a month in New Zealand, while running Saatchi, headquartered in London and New York. The agency is to be de-merged from Cordiant this

year.
Mr Roberts gave the commitment on New Zealand radio after he was criticised for not being able to fulfil his role as a director of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union, which he has been

prominent in shaking up.
A spokesman for Cordiant said Mr Roberts could perform his duties from New Zealand as Saatchi had a substantial operation in the country and the Pacific Rim was important to the advertising network.

David Herro, the Cordiant shareholder who led the revolt to oust Lord Saatchi as Cordiant chair-

man, . said[.] Mr Roberts's working practices were a matter for the company. "It is our policy not to interfere in management issues, he said.

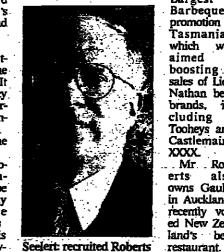
Mr Roberts's contract will be on - display when companies demerge this

notice, paying a basic wage of \$700,000. He will receive a of \$700,000. He will receive a \$300,000 pension payment after three years and beentified to join the Saatchi bonus and share option schemes, which have yet to he finalised Last year, Ed Wax, whom Mr Roberts will replace, received a bonus of 50 per cent of his salary. Mr Roberts told colleagues he was to "hang loose" when he resigned as chief operating officer of Lion Nathan, the New Zealand brewer, last year. A few weeks later. Lion-Nathan revealed a 21 per cent drop in profits. He is known in the industry as "Rambo" for an incident that took place when he worked for Pepsi. He took a Coca-Cola vending machine on to the stage at a sales confer-ence and fired at it with a

shotgun. Other famous incidents include the time he dressed in a commando outfit for meetings at Lion Nathan and brought a lion cub to an industry conference. He also masterminded the "World's

promotion in Tasmania, which was aimed boosting: sales of Lion Nathan beer orangs. including Tooheys and Castlemaine XXXX. . Mr. . Rob-

owns Gaults in Auckland, recently vot-



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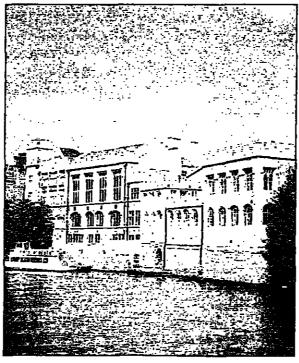


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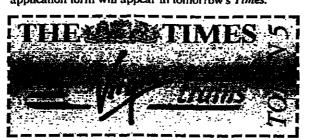
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Pension funds warn Brown on tax rises

CHANGES to the tax regime of pension funds could hit retired people harder than the imposition of VAT on fuel. according to the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF) whose members look after assets of £370 billion.

In a submission to Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, the NAPF said: "It is not possible to make changes to the tax arrangements for pension funds without adversely affecting millions of people who are saving for their retirement.

recommendations is the retention and restoration of advance corporation tax (ACT). The 20 per cent ACT levy, reduced from 25 per cent by Norman Lamont when he was Chancellor, has been mooted as a possible target for Mr

Brown's first budget.
Occupational and company pension funds enjoy an ex-emption on ACT, which is a tax on dividends, because pensioners pay tax when they receive their pensions. The NAPF has argued that to reduce or abolish the ACT

UP TO 19,000 customers may

have been switched from Brit-

ish Gas to a rival supplier with-

out consenting, it is claimed. The customers are at the

centre of a dispute between British Gas Trading and East-ern Natural Gas, which last night met at the offices of

Ofgas, the industry regulator, to debate the matter.
BGT claims that as many as

19,000 customers may have

not agreed to switch supplier to Eastern, part of The Energy

Group, after being caught up in a doorstep campaign criti-

cised by Ofgas. However,

those customers have been

put into the transfer system and will soon get exit letters

from BGT. Lastern has de-

By ROBERT MILLER

exemption would be a form of double taxation on ten million people's retirement funds. The Association of British Insurers reacted to growing

speculation that insurance

premiums tax could be raised

in Gordon Brown's first Budget. In its submission, the body which represents the insurance industry said the rumoured rise threatened prudent protection". It is thought that Mr Brown

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

nied any evidence of involut-

The incident is a repeat of

confusion when domestic com-

petition in gas opened in southwest England last year.

Then, many customers com-plained that they had not meant to leave British Gas and

had been confused by sales

An Ofgas spokesman ac-cused BGT of jumping the gun

in claiming up to 19,000 mis-taken transfers. He said: "We

need to resolve this as neatly as

possible and it seems prema-

ture of BGT to quote figures

when nothing is established."

and Sussex. Eastern has been

The dispute concerns Eastern marketing in Dorset, Avon

lactics of new companies.

tary transfer.

Heading the list of NAPF

could be contemplating a rise from 4 per cent to 12.5 per cent, raising an average £88 from every household and a total of

£2.5 billion for the Exchequer. Mark Boléat, the ABI's director-general, said: "IPT hits hardest those in the poorer sectors of the community who can least afford to suffer an unexpected loss." He called for no Budget change and said the tax should be repealed when the public finances permit.

rebuked by Ofgas for its sales methods and has agreed to re-visit customers who had said

they would switch to ensure

that they meant to. Of 38,000

customers in question, East-

ern is said to have told BGT

that 19,000 are positive transfers. However, BGT said that

Eastern has kept the other

19,000 on the transfer list and

has since said that 3,700 do

not want to move. BGT says this casts doubt on all 19,000.

Eastern said: "The 3,700

figure is just an estimate of

those who don't want to move

over. We are processing de-

tails all the time so we don't

have a final figure, but we

have no evidence of involun-



Mark Boléat says IPT hits the poor hardest

Interflora board seeks comeback

By Fraser Nelson

THE ousted board Interflora, the bouquet delivery network that was taken over by a band of rebel florists last weekend, is planning a comeback using the same mechanism that led to its

downfall. Supporters of the old board, who were voted out by a tiny majority at an emergency meeting on Sunday, have gathered 400 signatures from florists who are demanding a comprehensive vote to decide

the company's future. The rebels came to power of the strength of turnout a Sunday's meeting, which accepted no proxy votes. A posta vote seeking a mandate from the association's 2,800 men bers will almost certainly

overturn the rebels victory. The old board was ejected over plans to change the struc-ture of the association by hiking up subscription charges and lowering transaction charges. The rebels argued that this would disadvantage small sellers, and also claimed the association was moving towards demutualisation and a stock market flotation.

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Receiver
sells part
of shoe
firm to

managers By Jason Nisse

> THE receivers of Chamberlain Phipps, the shoe-maker, which collapsed last Angust just two years after its flotation, have sold the last remaining business from the group, its materials operation.

> The Leicester-based business was bought by a mented by the recruitment of John Fallon, former finance director of British Shoe Corporation, and backed by finance from Lloyds TSB.

A price was not dis-closed, but Simon Allport, the Arthur Andersen partner who is joint receiver, said that there will not be enough money left from all the disposals to pay unsecured creditors when the group is liquidated, which will be in the next few months.

The secured debtors mainly Bank of Scotland and Credit Lyonnais, were owed £35 million at the time of Chamberlain Phipps's collapse.

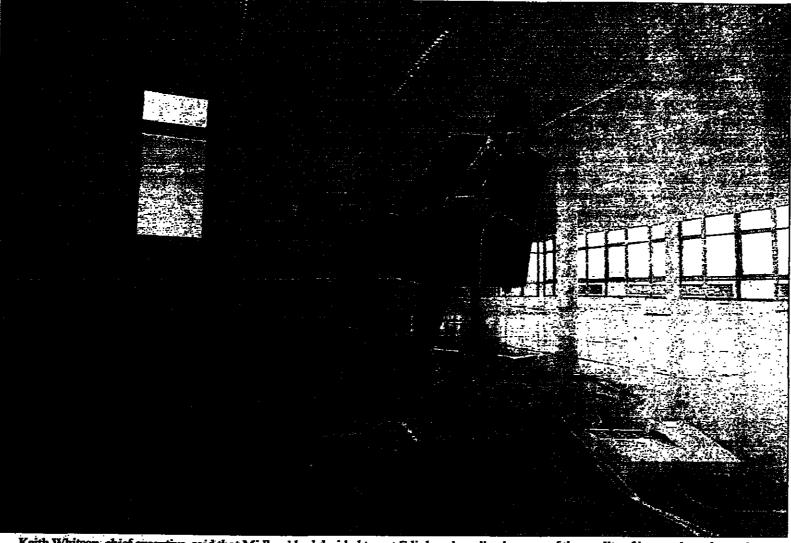
The shoe group had floated with a market value of £74 million in 1994. It was chaired by Dan Sullivan, a US investor who had invested £3 million in the business in 1991.

In the two years between the float and the receivership, Mr Sullivan received £1.7 million from share sales, £892,000 in dividends and £615,000 in salary. In addition, companies in which he was a partner were paid £1.66 million finder's fees for acquisitions made

Chamberlain Phipps.
Arthur Andersen has sent a report to the Department of Trade and Industry about the conduct of the Chamberlain Phipps directors, but the accountants would not say what the report concluded.

Mr Fallon, who has. become managing director of the newly sold business. Chamberlain Phipps Mafloat on the stock market in two or three years' time. That is one option we will be looking at, another could be a trade sale," Mr

He added that the business, which largely makes soles and heels for shoes, had stood up well in spite of the receivership. "Our customers want reliable supplies and they become concerned about this when there is a receivership," he



Keith Whitson, chief executive, said that Midland had decided to put Edinburgh on line because of the quality of its people and premises

Compass turns to sports clients in £11m purchase

By ADAM JONES

COMPASS, the international catering group, yesterday add-ed Wembley stadium and the Oval cricket ground to its list of sporting clients. The company already has contracts for Ascot racecourse and

The Ell million purchase of National Leisure Catering, a specialist sports caterer, came as the company announced interim results and a confident prediction of continuing

Pre-tax profits for the six months to March 30 rose 18 per cent to \$56.4 million, in

accordance with analysts' expectations. In the same period last year, the group earned £67.8 million, but this was distorted by a one-off E20 million profit on

the sale of Compass's health-

care division.

Turnover rose from £1.24 billion to £1.72 billion. New UK catering contracts included British Nuclear Puels, a deal worth an extra £2.2 million in annual turnover, Siemens and the Belfast Waterfront Hall, a new concert

Overseas, the company se-

cured a catering contract worth £6.6 million in turnover at Louisiana State University in the US, serving 26,000 students. Profits in America Mr Mackay said only 20 per were 20 per cent higher at

E17.8 million. Roger Matthews, managing director, said: "We are basically very confident of continuing our underlying growth rate." Turnover has grown eightfold industry. since 1992. The company said the trend in outsourcing caterrequirements shows no

Francis Mackay, chief executive, said performance would not be significantly affected by the new UK Government's commitment to a minimum

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cent of group business came from the UK. He said in many of these cases, labour costs were met directly by the client company. He said wages were in the upper quartile for the

National Leisure Catering was bought through Letheby. Compass's wholly owned subsidiary. Mr Mackay said the company wanted to create a family environment at Wembley stadium that would draw visitors outside match days. The deal includes catering for the arena and conference centre.

Compass recently acquired the catering contract at the new French national football stadium, which is being built for the 1998 World Cup. It has a number of other contracts with football clubs, including Paris St Germain, Monaco, Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal, spanning corporate hospitality and food for the

Midland to call up 600 for new jobs

By Our City Staff

MIDLAND BANK is to create up to 600 jobs in Scotland with the opening of its fourth telephone banking call centre.

Some 200 people will be recruited for the new Customer Service Centre, at Lochside Court on the Edinburgh Business Park. this year, with the remaining 400 more posts to be filled when the site is fully occupied in 1998.

The bank said that it was expanding from its two sites in England and one in Wales to cope with increasing demand. It also announced plans to extend its telephone service to handle calls seven days a week.

The news follows plans Midland's First Direct division to create up to 5,000 jobs in Scotland over seven years with a new call centre at Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

Keith Whitson, Midland's chief executive, said that Edinburgh had been chosen because of "the quality of the local people and the

Midland handled nine million calls last year and expects to handle 16 million this year. Its existing centres at Hemel Hempstead, Leeds and Swansea take more than 80,000 calls a day, and the additional capacity from Edinburgh will free up time to introduce additional services.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lonrho takes £15m exploration charge

LONRHO, the UK conglomerate, is taking a £15 million charge in its half-year figures to cover exploration costs for its Amantaytau gold project in Uzbekistan. Lonrho does not expect to incur further significant costs on Amantaytau after the completion of its six-month review of the project, which has more than five million ounces of gold reserves. The company said: "The review demonstrated that there had been a substantial increase in both capital and operational costs and a resultant reduction in the projected

The company said that neither it nor Anglo American Corp of South Africa, its partner, was prepared to take the project forward on that basis. "Lonrho remains interested in the project and is co-operating with the Uzbek Government and other potential partners with the objective of establishing a basis for the commercial development of Amantaytau," the company said.

De La Rue acquisition

DE LA RUE, the company with a licence to print banknotes, continued its expansion into "smart-card" technology with the purchase of Philips Cartes et Systemes (PCS), a subsidiary of the Dutch electronics group, for £54.2 million. PCS was originally the product of a 1993 joint venture between De La Rue and Philips, and the two firms will continue co-operating on applications. PCS will change its name to De La Rue Card Systems.

Woodchester interest

WOODCHESTER, the Irish financial services group, said that there had been "a strong level of interest" from potential buyers of the 54 per cent interest in the company held by Credit Lyonnais. Bidders from Britain, America and continental Europe have been invited to conduct due diligence reviews. The successful bidder will be obliged to make an offer for the rest of the company. Yesterday Woodchester announced the Ir £12.6 million purchase of Vendal, a Portugese finance business.

Ferguson back in black

SHARES in Ferguson International bounced from their all-time low yesterday as the labels manufacturer said that it had returned to the black after selling its clothes hanger and electronics businesses. Although turnover fell to £150 million, from £207 million, in the year to February 28, the company earned pre-tax profits of £10.6 million (losses of £1.11 million), helped by the receipt of £10.3 million from the disposals. The shares, which had fallen from 238p this year, rose 15p to 200p.

J Bibby advances 13%

J BIBBY & SONS, the industrial and materials handling group that is the subject of a E315 million takeover bid by South Africa's Barlow industrial group, said pre-tax profits rose 13 per cent to £21.4 million in the half year to March 29. Earnings were 8.03p a share (6.51p). There is no interim dividend, but a special dividend of 5p a share is due on completion of the agreed bid. Barlow, which already owns 78.8 per cent of Bibby, is offering 195p a share, including the special dividend.

Alvis slips to £3.1m

ALVIS, the manufacturer of defence equipment, blamed a decline in pre-tax profits to £3.1 million, from £5.1 million, in the half year to March 31 on a slowdown in deliveries of armoured vehicles. That had reduced turnover to £31.2 million, from £55.1 million previously. Nick Prest, chief executive, said that sales would improve in the second half, with a further increase next year. Earnings fell to 26p a share, from 6p. The interim dividend is lifted 25 per cent, to 1.25p a share.

Clubhaus to expand

CLUBHAUS, the golf course operator, is acquiring four more golf courses in southern England. It is paying about £10.25 million for three Essex clubs, in Romford, Cold Norton and South Wickham, and one in Bournemouth. The purchase is being funded from the proceeds of a £15.7 million placing and open offer of new shares at 82p each. Existing Clubhaus shares fell Ip to 8612 p yesterday. After the acquisition Clubhaus will own II golf clubs in England and three in continental Europe.

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NAB warning hits shares

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NATIONAL Australia Bank, the country's biggest bank, accompanied a 14 per cent rise in half-year profits to A\$1.14 billion (£540 million) yesterday with a warning that it faced unrelenting competition in all of its markets, which would place increasing pressure on its ability to sustain record profits. The warning, just a day after

Westpac, a competitor, said constant pressure on its margins may affect its second-half performance, sent a shudder through the Australian banking sector, pushing the sector index down more than 1 per cent on the stock market.

Shares in National Australia Bank, which owns Yorkshire Bank, Clydesdale Bank, Northern Bank and National Irish Bank in Britain and Ireland, fell 23 cents to A\$18.11. NAB's profit increase was

helped by a strong performance from its UK and Irish operations, where profits rose 33.5 per cent to A\$215 million. Don Argus, managing di-

rector, said profits had been helped by cost reductions at Yorkshire and Clydesdale, an increase in income from mortgage and term lending at Northern Bank and a fall in bad-debt charges at Northern and Yorkshire Bank.

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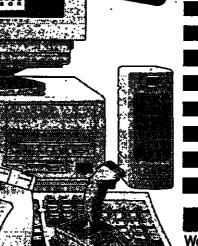
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CHOICE 1

After October, with Dorothy Tutin, opens the Minerva Studio season VENUE: Tonight



CHOICE 2

The cellist Steven Isserlis takes part in a charity recital in Oxford

VENUE: Sunday at St Hilda's College

NORFOLK Picture This, Norioliv's fourth annual festival of art and artists, begans today with events throughout the county. An extensive programme includes open studios and exhibitoris. Ticket Shop (01603 764764 for a free guide), Until June 8

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LONDON GALLERIES





THEATRE 1

The first major revival in 30 years for Marat/Sade, but the National staging falls short of panic and danger THEATRE 2

CARLA BLEY The jazz composer, musican and singer makes her debut at the Barbean with a concert that includes solio piano duels with besisst Steve Swallow, and thos with Swallow and British saxophonist Andy Sheppard The first half culminates in the premiere of Fancy Chambar Music. The 18-piece Carla Bley Big Band dominates the second half, with soliosts Guy Barker, minner, Gany Walente trombone. trumpet, Gary Valente trombone Wolfgang Pushnig and Sheppard

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Barbican, S& Street, EC2 (0171-638
8891) Tomorrow, 7 30pm 6 CARTOON '97: An exhibition of ontemporary and historical carroons, rom the spot-gag to the political tirade, skiss place on Sunday. This year's from the spot-gap to the potucal travel-telass place on Sunday This year's national carroon tair and convention provides an opportunity to meet carroonists from magazines and the national priess. Workshops for both adults and children Chelsee Town Hall, King's Road, SW7 (0181-900 2814) Sunday, 10am-5pm CENTENARY DISPLAYS One hundred of the most popular and significant works in the Tate's collection, from Stubbs and Gainsborough to Matisse and Pollock, go on display from formorrow as part of the gallery's centenary season. Tate Gelliery Mitbank, SW1 (0171-887 8000) Mon-Sat. 10am-5 50pm, Sun. 2-5 50pm (2)

E BEAUTY AND THE BEAST El BEAUTY AND THE BEAUTY AND THE PISARY DISney's firm turned into a firl Broadway musical Julie-Alanah Brighten and Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with support from the likes of Derek Griffiths and Norman Rossington Domitnion, Totlenham Court Road, W1 (171-116 6060). Mon-Sat, 7:30pm mat Sat, 2:30pm

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CIRCLE The Oliver is transformed into
a "theetre in the round" for Smon
McBurney's production of Breicht's last
important work Juliet Stavenson plays
Grusha, with McBurney as the Ingenious
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DONA ROSITA Phoebe Nicholis plays the patient spinster, pointlessly hopeful, but then this is Lorca. Beanor Roca, Karthyn Hunter, Celia Irmas, Kerry Shels, Cirvs Switt also leature in Phyllida Lloyd is production Almeidde Almerda Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm; mar Sat, 3pm

☐ EAST IS EAST Second West End ☐ EAST IS EAST Second West End showing for Ayub Khan-Din's highly enjoyable family drama, set in 1970s Sationd where a Pelestam patranch vainly tres to bring up his set children according to ancestal tradition Royal Court Downstable (Dufte of York's), Si Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm; mats Sat, 3 30pm Uniti May 24

NEW RELEASES

DANGEROUS GROUND (18)
Unconvincing revenge thriller, with lose
Cube and Elizabeth Hurley.
Virgin Trocadero (0171-434 0031) ◆ HIGH SCHOOL HIGH (15): Rough going for an idealistic teacher in an in only school. Pattry cornedy vehicle for John Lovitz, Divector, Hart Bochner Odson West End (0181-315 4221) UCI Whiteleys (2) (0390 388990)

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Clapham Picture House (0171-498
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LA PASSIONE (15) Extended and preferatious musics video featuring Chris Rea's music Director, John B Hobbs Warner (0171-437 4343)

◆ THE RELIC (15): Monster rules a ◆ THE RELIC (15): Monster ruins a natural history missum is gale opening. Tresome nonsense, with Penelope Arm Miller and Tom Sciermore ABCs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) Tottenham Court Road (0171-638 6148) Plaza (

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

PRAYERS OF SHERKIN Brosh premiere of Sebastian Barry's 1990 play about the last survivor of a religious community on a remote island off Cork. Haunting and evocative play set in the 1890s by the author of The Steward of Christendorn John Done directs.
Old Vie. Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616) Previews Sunday, 7 30pm. Opens Monday, 7 30pm. Then in rep Sun and Mon. 7 30pm. PRAYERS OF SHERKIN British

ELSEWHERE CHICHESTER: Firth Banbury brings Rodney Advand's autobiographical After October back to the stage after 63 years. Dorothy Tutin plays mother to her real-life son, Nicholas Warnig Minerva Studio, Oaklands Perk (01243 781312). Opens tonight, 7 45pm **GLYNDEBOURNE**. Manon Lescaut.

the opening production by Graham Vick at this year's Glyndebourne Festival Opera, is also the trial time Puccin's opera has been staged at Ghardebourne Bottom cath. Glyndebourne, Returns only Glyndebourne Box Office, Lawes (01273 813813) Sunday, 4.25pm

THEATRE GUIDE

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☐ GABRIEL Lisa Harrow plays the Guernsey widow who rescues a handsome amnesiac (Stephen Billington) washed up on a beach in Soho, 21 Dean Street, W1 (0171-420 0022) Mon-Sal, 8pm Until May 24 THE GOODBYE GIRL Gary Wilmol, Ann Crumb and Shezwae in the Hamirsch/Zippel musical version of Neil Simon's play

Alberry, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730), Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8 30pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm CI MASTER CLASS Parti LuPone recreates her Broadway staming role as Maria Callas in Terrence McNally's Tony-winning play Directed by Leonard Foglia. Queen's, Shaltesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040), Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Wod and Sat, 3pm

■ POPCORIN Ben Elton's blistering comedy about movie violence. A Tarantinoesque director gets his come-

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (whe ed with the symbol ◆) ase across the country

 WHEN WE WERE KINGS (PG)
Oscar-winning portrait of the boxer Foremen in 1974 Director, Leon Gast. Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Virgins: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) Heymarket (0171-839 1527) CURRENT

◆ ANACONDA (15): Sifly fun in the nforest with Jennifer Lopez, Joi randorest with Jennifer Lopez, Jon Volght, and an unconvivoing grant snake. Director, Luis Lloss. Greenwich (1181-235 3005) Odeoms: Kensington (1181-315 4215) Marbie Arch (1181-315 4216) Swiss Cottage (1181-315 4220) UCI Whiteleys (§) (1090 888990) Virgin Futhern Road (1171-370 2836)

 DONNIE BRASCO (18) FBI agent Johnny Depp betnends Malia wiseguy Al Pacino Thoughtful gangster saga. uppance when a couple of senal killers blame him for their misdeeds Apollo, Shaltesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) Mon-Saf, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, and Sat, 4pm TI SMOKEY JIDE'S CAFE Submiss

IT SMOKET JOE'S CAPE SUDDED "The Songs of Leiber and Stoller" Hi Broadway compilation show Prince of Wales, Covertry Street, W1 (1711-439 5987), Mon-Set, 8pm; meta Thuis and Sat, 3pm. ■ TOM AND CLEM: Stimulating play with Alec McCowen and Michael

Gambon as sober Attlee and flamboyant Driberg, sorting out the world at Polsdam. al Poisdam.

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6007) Mon-Sat, 7,30pm; mais Wed and

LONG RUNNERS

□ Blood Brothers Phoenx (0171-369 1733) ■ Buddy Stand (0171-930 8800) □ □ The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) Crienon (0171-389 1737) I Jesus Christ Superstar: Lyceum (0171-656 1807) . ☐ Martin Guerre (0171-858 1807) : L Bassma steere-Ptinos Edward (0171-447 5400) . III Les Misérables: Palace (0171-434 0903) : Di Mise Seigon: Druy Lane (0171-494 5400) . L The Mousetrep. Si Martin's (0171-836 1443) . L Starlight Express Apolio Victona (0177-416 8054) Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

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FEMALE PERVERSIONS (18) Tida Swinton's lawyer laces an identity criss. Striking American lemmest film ABCs: Piccadility (0171-437 3561) Totlenham Court Rd (0171-636 6148)

KOLYA (12): Confirmed bachelor is ROLTA 1121 Confirmed bachelor is iumbered with a five-year-old boy. Enchanting Czech Oscer-winner, directed by Jan Sweak. Barblean § (0171-638 8891) Curzon Mayfair (0171-639 1720) Garte § (0171-727 4043) Renotr (0171-837 8402) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Screen/Balker Street (0171-935 2772) Screen/Hill § (0171-937 2956) (0171-435 3366)

◆ LIAR LIAR (12). Lawyer Jim Carrey tells the truth for 24 hours. Attractive tels the fruit for 24 hours Attractive comedy, soft round the edges ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-536 9148) Emptre (0990-888 990) Greenwich (0181-235 3005) Odeona: Kensington (0181-315 4214) Merble Arch (0181-315 4216) Swiss Cottage (1181-315 4220) UCI Whiteleys & (0181-315 4220) UCI Whiteleys & (0190-9888990) Virgina: Fullham Road (0171-370 2636) Trocadero & (0171-434 0031)

Plenty of curios but not much dramatic quality as the Gate launches a season of European satire

THEATRE: Jeremy Sams directs a disappointing revival; plus a comic experiment

Sixties asylum-seekers

This is the first major revival of Peter Weiss's play since Peter Brook divided the town, the critics and the Times correspondence columns by making it the core of his Theatre of Cruelty season 33 years ago. Since I missed that production, I cannot compare it with Jeremy Sams's portrait of the famous asylum at Charenton or with his handling of the fanciful debate that occurs there between Marat and the Marquis de Sade. But I did feel uneasily transported back to an era where it was common wisdom to say that the sane were mad

> The Marat/Sade Olivier

and the mad sane, and revolution was a buzzword on every hip lip.

Brook saw the play as a gorgeous release from the imaginative thinness of 1960s drama. Everything about it was "designed to crack the spectator on the jaw, then douse him with ice-cold water, then force him to assess intelligently what has happened to him, then give him a kick in the balls, then bring him back to his senses again". I cannot say that Sams's revival left me so drastically churned. For instance, I was dreading the moment when the stage-directions demand that a priest's belly is burst and someone else's hands and neck are sawn off; but at the National this is reduced to the cursory butchery of an obviously fake pig. so I felt no boot in the scrotum.

Is Sams wisely shunning gratuitous sensationalism? Maybe, but the change still betokens a certain loss of horror and excitement. The play's conceit is that Sade, who did indeed produce drama when he was walled up in Charenton, is directing his fellow inmates in a play designed to express, interpret and release their baffled anger. Chalky figures scuttle about the circular stage that has been built in the centre of the Olivier, their white smocks, wispy hair and frantic faces giving the impression of a difficult day in some eccentric bakery. But even at the end, when the patients are meant to The Gate has a genuine

Madhouse: Kevin Walton, Jenny Galloway, Freya Copeland and Dave Fishley sing to Corin Redgrave

run amok and the guards to repress them with extreme violence, the effect is lacking in panic and danger.

This matters, because panic and danger have a part to play in the questions Weiss raises. Can there be revolutionary change that does not deteriorate into lunacy? Are people innately cruel, or cruel because of conditioning or necessity? David Calder's dry, supercilious Sade believes that human nature is destructive and so might as well be enjoyed. Corin Redgrave's Marat lies suppurating in a tin bath, his blunt northern accent and toga-like towel suggesting a tribune-of-

the-people from Transport House. He also part of the moral and political is chillingly prepared to destroy every last aristocrat, speculator or bourgeois to achieve his egalitarian Eden. Weiss, being a Marxist revolution-

ary, sees Marat as a contradictory and even sympathetic figure. Yet when Sade accuses him of bloodless, mechanical murder, we are bound also to be reminded of Eichmann. Ironic references to human progress emphasise that the play, though set in 1808 and involving 1793, is much concerned with the Holocaust era. A tiny mushroom-like parachute floating from the flies suggests that the Bomb is

equation. But such stuff is too clunky and obvious to stir the spirit. Just one performance moved me:

Anastasia Hille's Charlotte Corday. As she fluttered about the stage, an erratic, terrified moth girding itself to become an eagle, she left me feeling that, yes, there was sometimes a case for political murder. Mankind cannot survive its Marats. Maybe it needs occasional Cordays. But that was not, I suspect, what Weiss was trying to suggest in the heady days of 1964.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

The stuff of nonsense

gift for seasoning its work. It picks a handful of unusual plays, thrusts them under an umbrella title, and is often justifiably applauded for music stands, orchestrated by its initiative. Unfortunately one of the cornerstones of the Gate's extremely select history of European satire, Bite and Bile, leans rather heavily on dramatic curios and rather lightly on dramatic quality. First up is Christian Dietrich Grabbe's 1822 play, Comedy. Satire, Irony and Deeper Meaning. This is a man who rubbed shoulders,

Roddy Maud-Roxby's frantic conductor. The humour arises from the actors twitching with boredom on their stools smoking cigarettes and swigging bottles of water. rather than from Grabbe's unplottable satire on provincial Germany. The script is deliberate nonsense: a mildly surreal hour that features Andrew Melville's crusty baron, Rose Keegan as his flirty niece, Liddy, Richard Stranger's barefooted devil, and various suitors for Liddy's hand.

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The problem with experiments like these is that their novelty evaporates within seconds. To his credit, Duncan Ward directs at 90mph. But the evident joy with which his production milks the fact that the script is so much gibberish undermines the clever way he stages this as a piece of music.

The season of belly laughs rumbles on. Gregory Motton's A Little Satire on the 1997 General Election is a rapid reaction piece to the new balance of power. Unfortunately for Motton and his codirector, David Farr, the wrong party got elected. Here various smarmy types in suitstalk down to housing estate dwellers in a flurry of hapless sketches. Yes, it could be Tony Blair, but having no recent history of Labour abuse to go on it is the Tory characters who inevitably get shafted.

dressed up as a banana. Mr Pyffy: the point seems to be in which political rear is he most likely to fit. I can't pretend to get the significance of this. in the best and most obvious skit. Bessie (Rose Keegan) has to choose a blind date from Kenny Clarke, Paddy Peanuts or Gordon Brown. With "her lips around my blood pud-ding" things will inevitably rise for Ken but it's steady old Gordon who wins the day. Ultimately it is the sad and nutty business of theatre that gets shown up here, rather than the politics.

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Rodney Milnes talks to John Eliot Gardiner about his Glyndebourne

debut and the challenge of Puccini

ay the words "John Eliot Gardiner" and you immediately think of Monteverdi, Handel, Glück, Mozart, Rameau. After a pause you also remember Debussy, Offenbach, Chabrier, Messager and Lehar, countless highly successful performances and, as often as not, recordings of works by all these masters. Gardiner treasures "the

The one composer you do not think of is Puccini, yet it is with Manon Lescaut that Gardiner makes his debut at Glyndebourne on Sunday in a new production by Graham Vick, to be televised five on Channel 4 on May 31.

enrichment that comes from such

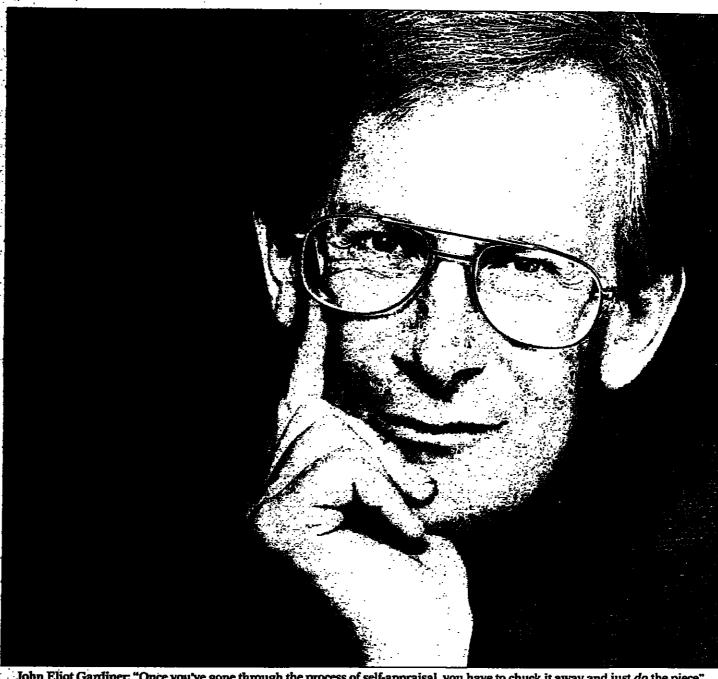
So how and why Puccini? "It was an invitation that I happily accepted. I'm thrilled that it should be Manon Lescaut. Puccini lavished more care and more love on every. detail of that score than on any other of his operas, and his ebullience and youthful enthusiasm are also more in evidence than anywhere else." It is only his third opera, and some think of it as Puccini's Idomeneo, an early work on which the composer lavished every aspect of the first full flush of his genius in an almost undisciplined fashion, with results mannpassed in later, more mature and respectable" pieces. During er-"respectable" pieces. During or word in Gardiner's book, one "He maintained that the perforchestral rehearsals, Gardiner was composer he swears he will never mance practice that grew up after indulgence and, above all, avoida conductor you have to test your thing it's got to be is cerebral."

instrumentation, the intricacy of Puccini's handling of recording motils. "It's a much subtler score than La Bohème," he says.

Interestingly, the publishers Ricordi tried to promote this unknown composer's early piece in the 1890s by linking it with Falstoff, insisting that opera houses could not have one without the other, and Gardiner feels that, fresh and original though Manon Lescaut may be it couldn't have happened without the example of Falstaff.

The whilest matter and emotional The subject matter and emotional impact are totally un-Falstaffian. but I understand absolutely what George Bernard Shaw meant when he described Puccini as the natural heir of Verdi."

One thing that especially delights Gardiner is "the way the orchestra bears the brunt of the melodic continuity, with the singers dipping in and out of that melody, like sureraft coming through cloud into clear skies and then going back again. I suppose that could be attributed to Wagner, but it's not Wagnerian, and while there are some post-Tristan sonorities, they aren't those taining Wagnerian somerities, it's very honest, very upiront, directly emotional music without any slop. It's emphatically not exclusive giece." Wagner, it gradually emerges is a very dirty word in Gardiner's book, one



John Eliot Gardiner: "Once you've gone through the process of self-appraisal, you have to chuck it away and just do the piece"

In pursuit of the anti-slop princide, Gardiner has as his bible a book by the legendary Luigi Ricci, Puccini's maestro di canto who worked on productions with him and survived well into the 1970s.

his sanction, and wrote down a detailed analysis of everything that Puccini said and did over and above the actual notation that we've inherited. Included are ten commandments, three of them insisting

Puccini: it could be an eye-opener. Yet taste must have its bounds. Gardiner cites apparent rather than real tension between music so spontaneous in its momentum and emotional charge, and notathe composer's death did not carry ance of any vulgarity." Tasteful instincts all the time. If your

instinct is to do such and such, you have to make sure that the evidence emanating from the page is not contradicting you. Once you've gone through that process of selfappraisal, you have to chuck it away and just do the piece. The last

period, Gardiner was infectiously enthusiastic about his mostly young cast and about his harmonious collaboration with Graham Vick. What of Glyndebourne's supposedly ideal rehearsal conditions, legendary since Fritz Busch famously remarked that even work was

better than the night-life of Lewes? What I found excellent, though it should of course be the norm, was that we started with a week's music rehearsal. We really got to grips with the syntax and linguistics of Puccini's style, found how important the words are, how even when you've got the most glorious melody to sing, the words have to dictate the shape of that melody."

ut that intense musical preparation is followed by work, and there comes what Gardiner describes as "that uneasy moment" in every opera production when all the strands have to he brought together, and that week of music rehearsal seems an awfully long time ago. "You have to re-establish the musical imprint on a set of maybe quite familiar theatrical conventions. It's funny how the exigencies of staging seem to take over, and it's easy for a singer to get up there and think, Well, as long as I'm looking pretty and my dress is right, that's all that matters'. So I have to say 'Hang on. the score is what it's all about, let's get back to the score'."

That process is doubtless going on as I write, yet one suspects that Gardiner, whose uncompromising demands on singers and players are as legendary as Glynde-bourne's rehearsal facilities, is on his best behaviour. "I'm very much a guest conductor. It's not my show." He is used to everything being his show, and relishes the prospect of a five-year residency at the Chatelet in Paris with his oldtime Lyons colleague Jean-Pierre Brossman. That will start in 1999 with Gluck (Orfeo and Alceste), break in 2000 when he spends a year conducting every single one of Bach's church cantatas, resume with Verdi (Falstaff?) in 2001, proceed with Messager's Monsieur Beaucaire and Rameau back-toback in 2002, and climax with The Trojans in 2003. In the context of such broad taste and diversity, why shouldn't Puccini get a look i ■ Manon Lescaut opens at Glynde-In the middle of the rehearsal bourne on May 18 (01273 813813)

ummy run at the apocalypse

Peter Maxwell Davies's under much surface doggered opera, Resurrection, has they are attained references to taken a long time to serious writings, Indeed, the reach its first British staging, underlying tone of the whole so it is not too surprising to find that the work already appears dated. Conceived in 1963, it was actually composed. only shortly before its preand has finally reached as Taverner, which revealed thanks to the Glasgow how, through interrogation, Mayfest and a co-production for light coasts, composer between the Vienna Pocket Taverner was reduced to a Opera and the Flemish Muziektheater Transparant

The show, fresh from Vienna Amsterdam and Antwerp, who never makes a sound is the first to use the compos-Social and family pressures on er's own, original English him are all discissed in the libretto, and, given the multi-national cast, words came into exploding under the across well. They are not weight in everyone's hypocrisupposed to make perfect sy in the main act, surgeons sense, however, although try to correct his pointical,

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underlying tone of the whole work is senses, but Maxwell Davies dresses up his social

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The Rica for Resurrection came to him when he was working en his first opera, purplet. The here of the later opera, or masque, as Maxwell Davies calls it, is a domney

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religious and sexual "irregu-larities", but things go wrong and he is resurrected as the Antichrist, uttering warnings

of the apocalypse.

With the help of a dancing cat as jester, slapstick sketches, cabaret acts, tapdances and a series of 24 TV "com-mercials", Maxwell Davies cocks a snook at every corner of the Establishment. He creates a world in which connecnons with reality are tangential, in which television "breaks" become more "real" than what is happening on stage. His brilliant, mercanial score is scarcely less eventful, and into 90 minutes he packs fingles from a vocal quartet, rock music from a pop band,

Peter Bergamin conducted with flair and feeling for the music. In multiple roles, lnes Carsauw, Jan Lund and Wilfried van den Brande gave the most complete performances, though Roland Pur-cell, Jeremy Pick and Conor Briggs all had their moments; Paul Zacharaides, counter-tenor in drag, would have im-proved his larger-than-life characterisations with clearer

Why did it not quite work? The audience hardly mustered a laugh, and nobody seemed shocked by the anarchy of what was originally intended as an operatic hand grenade. The staging by Leo Krischke and Leo Verhaeren, in versatile designs by Tom Hemmen, was fine, but it took its tone from the 70s and 80s flavour of the score. Resurrection tackles issues that remain with us, and a more up-to-date production might have helped.

JOHN ALLISON

The Homecoming hymns, and much else in Talent to the test

Tith the shockwaves from Covent Garden reverberating, the air was even thicker than usual for the annual gathering at the National Opera Studio's end-of-year showcase.

This year there was all too little on stage to transcend the all-enveloping gossip in the auditorium. The evening's traditional succession of operatic tableaux obviously has to be chosen with casting requirements as much as audience entertainment in mind. So it seemed all the more perverse to cast Handel's Giulio Cesare as a baritone when Jacob Zethner-Møller's voice was neither temperamentally nor technically suited to the role.

The sequence of extracts also poses a considerable challenge to the evening's director and designer. Al-though Alison Nalder's single set of grey pillars formed a serviceable frame for the washing lines, counterpanes and garden seats which set the scene for the likes of Smetana. Janaček and Massenet, Nicolette Moinar's production work

was stiff and stagey.
Singers of real promise, though can rise above it all and, with the support of the Bournemouth Sinfonietta con-

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ducted by Roy Laughlin, there were one or two who did. Franzita Whelan from the Royal College is developing apace. On Wednesday her Katya Kabanova did, indeed, take wing: there is a bright new flare at the top of her soprano, well integrated with its increasingly focused and expressive middle and low registers. Her sister-in-law,

Varvara, was sung briefly but

eloquently by Hilary Taylor

who was to return as a touching Massenet Manon. In the unstylish Giulio Cesare extracts, the voices of mezzo-soprano Marianne E. Andersen and Johanna Byrne stood out: Byrne returned as a powerful Kate in the evening's strongest scena: from Act II of Britten's Owen Wingrave. Baritone Timothy Bill, in the title-role, sang his monologue of self-discovery with clarity and intelligence, close-focusing the power of

this still underrated opera. HILARY FINCH

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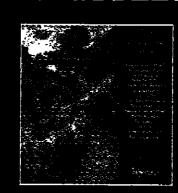
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There is a great record struggling to get out of Michael Jackson's latest, Blood on the Dance Floor



POP 2

The hard-rocking Glaswegian outfit known as Gun reinvent themselves as the sexy dance-pop G.U.N.

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POP 3

Dark and sleazy New York's Royal Trux travel into the outer reaches with their new release. Sweet Sixteen



■ POP 4

Their songs are cute and clever. But it's not enough to ensure success for Salad's second album, Ice Cream

New ways to take the Michael

POP ALBUMS: David Sinclair is largely

taken by the King of Pop's dancefloor reworking of songs that made HIStory

MICHAEL JACKSON Blood on the Dance Floor -HIStory in the Mix

(Epic 487500, £13.99) IF ANYONE has earned the right to benefit from the vogue for recycling perfectly good songs as dance remixes it is Michael Jackson. With his uncanny feel for the rhythmic dynamics of modern American pop he did as much as anyone in the 1980s to lay the foundations of latterday urban dance music.

Even so, you cannot help feeling a bit uneasy about Blood on the Dance Floor, an album consisting mostly of remixes of tracks from his most recent album HIStory, which was itself a questionable combination of old hits and new songs.

Before the remixes, however, there are five completely new songs on Blood on the Dance Floor, beginning with the title track. With his voice little more than a squeaky whisper for most of the verse, and the groove screwed to a very high torque, this is as lean and urgent a piece as Jackson has ever come up

The ensuing numbers, including Morphine, with its dark, industrial rhythm, and Ghosts, with its appropriately spooky techno beat, maintain a fierce tension while the lyrics paint an extraordinary picture of a man beset by a host of demons and neuroses, a disaffected figure seemingly adrift in a world full of unexplained and hostile

This is powerful stuff from the King of Pop, and the mood holds good during Scream Louder (Flyte me Remix), a fiddly but lunk\$

sister Janet. But from there things become less engaging. Several of the slower numbers from HIStory get spliced to a pounding dancebeat, with mixed results. Stranger in Moscow is adroidy turned into a jaunty romp somewhat at odds with its poignant lyric, while the Euro-techno version of Earth Song and a handbag/house arrangement of You Are Not Alone both sound utterly ridiculous (echoes here of the notorious disco remix of Madonna's Don't Cry for Me

There is a great record struggling to get out of Blood on the Dance Floor, suggesting that the sooner Jackson bites the bullet and gets around to making a genuine new album, the better

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(A&M 540 723, E12.99)

EVEN when they were a respect-able hard ruck band called Gun, this Glaswegian outfit was never entirely convincing. Now, thanks to a sleight of hand in the graphics department and some hands-on production from Andrew Farriss of INXS, they have re-emerged as sexy dance-pop kids G.U.N., and the game is most definitely up. For, although G.U.N. have a

friendly, aspirational feel about their look and sound, the lack of core values in the trio's music stands cruelly exposed on the snappily titled 0141 632 6326.

With its cliched lyrics - "She's where she's been", that kind of thing — and tunes shackled to a remake of his Scream duet with rhythm section that is as funky and

. Spice Girls (Virgin)



Michael Jackson's Blood on the Dance Floor is a collection of new songs and new takes on old ones that falls short of greatness

flexible as an ironing board, this is only seventeen/And she don't care an album that exists for no other Rolling Stones as their starting reason than to make G.U.N. nearly famous again. A nice try, but it is not to be.

> ROYAL TRUX Sweet Sixteen (Hut 7243 8 44032, £15.49)

IF EVER a pair of singers sounded like the rock'n'roll undead it is Jennifer Herrema and Neil Hagerty of New York band Royal Trux. "I've been coming back from places where you've never been," they boast on Cold Joint, one of 13 impossibly degenerate perfor-mances on their latest lo-fi classic.

Taking the sleazy raunch of the piece of album artwork it has been point, along with echoes of 1960s progressive bands such as Jefferson Airplane, especially during the long guitar work-out on Golden Rules, Herrema and Hagerty add a vampiric. junkie/bohemian touch that sends the music of Royal Trux slouching further "out there" than

any of their garageband peers. There are some fine songs here, although the sound of their raddled voices, intertwined throughout like snakes in a pit, will probably scare off as many listeners at it attracts. That certainly seems to be the idea of the sleeve, a picture of a blocked lavatory that is the most grotesque

van der Vlugt, you would think

they would be on the fast track to

the top, or at least somewhere close

to the constellation of stars com-

prising groups such as Elastica, Sleeper and Echobelly.

But as well as being cute and clever, Salad's songs are also desperately elusive entities that

frequently chop and change direc-tion in a rather juvenile attempt to

sound more arty and meaningful than they are. It is all quite pleasant

on the ear but, even after three or four listens, you would be hard

pushed to hum one of the choruses.

And that, ultimately, is what the

success of a group such as Salad

Ice Cream

(Island 524370, El3.49) PERSEVERING with their food theme, indie-pop hopefuls Salad release Ice Cream exactly two years after their first album, Drink Me. With their breezy sound and glam-orous Dutch chanteuse Marijne

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Learn to lighten up, lads

TWO YEARS ago, Supergrass were the great white hopes of Britpop. Their upbeat attitude was Bripop. Their upbeat attitude was more chirpy than Blur, their frothy hit singles more catchy than Oasis, their slapstick videos the most acclaimed since Madness. With a chart-topping debut album 1 Should Coco and a possible TV series from none other than Steven

Spielberg, this unassuming Oxford trio seemed poised to become a truly huge pop phenomenon.

'However, world domination did not square with the band's domestic plans. Instead, these homeloving souls started families and recorded a far more serious second album, the ironically littled in It For The Money. So it was the newly

CONCERT Supergrass **Brixton Academy**

mature Supergrass, complete with additional keyboard player and brass section, who rounded of their recent self-out tour at London's Brixton Academy on Wednesday. Instead of playful banter and stage clowning, singer Gaz Coombes concentrated on lengthy guitar solos.

Fortunately, the trio still possess a flair for rich melodies and energetic performance. Songs from their new album constituted the bulk of their Brixton set, and many already sounded like old favourarready souther like oin lawour-ites. These included Sun Hits The Sky, a rush of crushing guitars reminiscent of The Who at their late 1960s peak, and the heavy-hearted You Can See Me.

At times, though, the trio's new-found adult sensibility seemed almost wilfully obtuse. Their fre-

atmost wilfully obuse. Their fre-netic hit, Alright, struggled to shine from beneath its fuller, clumsier arrangement. There was also a sense of restraint about Tonight and Richard III.

Admittedly, following a string of competent but uninspired numbers, the threesome managed to stage an impressive recovery. The sets climaxed with an explosively celebratory reading of another former single, Going Out, followed by a touching encore in which Combes strummed the wistful It's Not Me on an acoustic guitar.

In emotionally charged asides such as these, and the occasional blasts of surrealism, the trio proved themselves capable of hidden depths and bizarre tangents. So it is all the more frustrating that they prefer to take the safe, solid path. Supergrass need to learn that there is no shame in being pop stars.

STEPHEN DALTON

TOP TEN ALBUMS

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Deconstructed (XtraWATT/9 537 119-2) AS implied by both its title and cover picture (in which bassist Steve Swallow appears neatly disassembled), Deconstructed concerns itself with how jazz standards are put together from the harmonic schemes of popular songs. Ten of Swallow's Tin Pan Alley favourites have been moulded by him into clean-sounding, brisk quintet workouts in styles ranging from bop through Latin to the blues. Although Swallow has assembled an unfussily virtuosic band, including tenor player Chris Potter, for the session, it is his own bass-guitar playing that both grounds and ornaments

MICHAEL FORMANEK Nature of the Beast (Enja ENJ-93082) THROUGHOUT the 1980s

and 1990s, European labels such as Enja have been quietly filling the gaps in American labels' coverage of the more adventurous examples of that country's jazz output. San Francisco-born bassist Michael Formanek in many ways personifies the phenomenon: although comparatively undersung (his previous al-bum was called *Low Profile*). he has managed to document his adventurous, vigorous, but always poised music on a series of European releases involving like-minded New York-scene stalwarts such as trumpeter Dave Douglas or saxophonists Tim Berne and Marty Ehrlich.

The former pair both appear here on an album that. like much of Formanek's

between structure and abstraction in a series of lively, scurrying originals.

MICHAEL "PATCHES" STEWART

(Hip Bop Essence HIBD 8016) NEW ORLEANS-born Michael "Patches" Stewart is not as well-known in the straight jazz world as he might be, having spent eight years in singer Al Jarreau's band before moving on to holding down the trum-pet chair in Whitney Houston's band. But this poised, assured collection of standard ballads and original blues should rectify that Stewart's use of Harmon mute to inject plaintive melancholy into his ballad playing recalls his greatest inspiration, Miles Davis, but he also produces flaring but elegant open trum-pet on blues workouts.

STACEY KENT Close Your Eyes (Candid CCD 79737)

ALTHOUGH born and raised in New York (in a house filled with the music of Frank Sinatra and Nat King Cole), singer Stacey Kent has been resident in this country since the early 1990s. On this, her debut album, she puts both her early exposure to classic songs and her more recent experience with the 1930s nostalgia swing band Vile Bodies to great use in a sensible programme of standards, backed by the warmly sympathetic tenor of Jim Tomlinson and one of the finest rhythm sections in the UK, led by pianist David Newton.

CHRIS PARKER







■ POP 5

The scent of " bluegrass is an the air whenever Alison Krauss and Union Station are around



POP 6

Jazzy export the US bandleader Carla Bley brings her unconventional music-making to Britain





POP 7

Unless the world of pop cleans up its act, says Caitlin Moran, there are going to be a lot of funerals



■ TOMORROW

Juliet Stevenson at the National. and the other big weekend shows, are listed in The Directory

Alison Krauss is a little bit country, but she's a lot more rock'n'roll. Paul Sexton reports

The fiddler on the riff

guitar," saxophone and all the other "tradifiddle, dobro and banjo have hit the mainstream, as wielded by Alison Krauss and Union

Ever since the 1995 Country Music Association Awards, in which the fiddle-toting singer from Champaign, Illinois and her band stole the night with four trophies out of four nominations, the American pop charts have been freshened by the fragrant scent of their bluegrass. The retrospective, Now That I've Found You: A Collection, went on to sell more than two million copies in America. Nothing like it had happened since Duelling Banjos: Two Grammy Awards followed in 1996, with a further one this year. Meanwhile, Now That I've Found You has made a successful Atlantic crossing, and has sold more than 50,000 copies in this country.

Now Hollywood has started listening; the group landed a song on the soundtrack to that tornado of a hit movie, Twister. But even in such intense glare, they have kept a steady focus. Krauss has dismissed offers from the high and mighty in order to remain with the modest but accomplished Rounder Records label; has enhanced her hardfought mass appeal with a new album, So Long So Wrong: and continues to promore the virtues of the fourman Union Station_band ahead of her own.

To turn down a gleaming new deal when you are this hot a property is as unlikely as certain overpaid foreign stars of our football scene electing to

We always go and talk to everybody, but the main thing people talk about is whether you're on a major label," she says. "We've done really well where we are, so it hasn't been

a question for a while." Here is a housetrained ego and no mistake. Not many other artists would mine double platinum and then invite fellow group members to take lead vocals on no fewer than five tracks on their next album. We're a band, and we've always been a band, whether or not people ask me to do more things now, she says. Her copy of the Guide book for Rock Boors must. This time, on So Long So

have got lost in the mail.

Ask Krauss if she now enjoys the lifestyle of the rich and famous and you'll get a proper teasing: Yeah, right, Brad Pitz calls me all the time, I had to change my number.

About the only things that have changed since her stock rose so sharply have been her house and her haircut.

She now lives in Nashville - but then again. Music Row is home to folk from all walks of the industry these days, not just the country fraternity. Donna Summer resides there. even Peter Frampson is attempting to come alive again as a Tennessean. And the new hairdo? Nothing to do with any image-maker, says Krauss vehemently. "Absolutely nothing was suggested

> 6 There are more rules for country artists than for rock folks 🤊

about a new image. That's our thing."

As British audiences will

shortly be reminded, when she pays us her most extensive visit this mouth, the beauty of Krauss's acoustic melange comes in the unexpected. Bluegrass, the genre with which she is most identified, is a musical descendant of the stay with their clubs and shun
the extra shilling elsewhere. first whipped up in the Blue
Krauss is typically matter of Ridge Manual and State about it good of corn-shuckin banjo by Bill Monroe Krauss has a more succinct definition of bluegrass: "Acoustic rock'n' legislate for the rich and varied list of ingredients in Union Station's patented recipe. Amid a series of traditional pieces on the retrospective alborn, the real eyebrow-raisers were wonderfully fresh interpretations of Paul McCartney's White Album ballad I Will, Bad Company's 1970s rocker Oh, Atlanta and, most moongruous of all, the 1960s British pop nugget made famous by the Foundations,

Wrong, they pick another unlikely winner by remaking ! Can Let Go Now, an affecting love song by Michael McDon-ald. "I really love that song," Krauss says. "I'd rather have new material, but covers are

She has been celebrated in the American rock press for her unexpected devotion to heavy metal, since it appears that something in the con-founded unwritten rulebook of rock says that softly spoken. demure young women aren't supposed to let rip behind closed doors to the roar of Def Leppard or AC/DC. The inner artwork for the new album even has the group sending itself up in a kind of acoustic remake of AC/DC's Highway to Hell album cover, with Krauss looking as mean and moody as you can do with the bow of your fiddle sticking up

he may have moved a few miles into the heart of Nashville, but Krauss is not about to be fitted for the straitjacket of corporate country music. Especially since most country radio stations are now so arch conservative that they consider her dewy soprano and acoustic twang too risky for their playlists.

There are more rules for country artists than there could possibly be for rock'n roll folks," she muses. "It sure does seem a lot more formulaic. In rockniroll. you're praised for doing something new, but in country you're slammed. The people doing really well aren't necessarily reaching any

One only ends up wishing more success on that rare kind of artist whose attitude is not so much need-me-I'm-beautiful. as pinch-me-I'm-dreaming. "I sure don't think of this nent," Krauss says. "I definiteby think it's a temporary thing. This is a freak of nature."

• Alison Krauss & Union Station play Waterfront Hall. Belfast (May 23), the Stadium, Dublin (May 24). Nynex Arena, Manchester (May 25), Coal Exchange, Cardiff (May 31), Festival Hall, London Dune 1), Royal Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool (June 2), Civic Hall, Wolverhampton (June 3), Royal Concert Hall, Glassow Uune 4) ● Alison Krauss & Union Station Hall, Glasgow (June 4)



Sass and violins: Alison Krauss and her band Union Station are touring Britain soon

More talent than technique

Quirky titles aside, bandleader Carla

Bley proves her versatility with an

ambitious new tour, says Clive Davis

by David Byrne not long ago. The former Talking Heads leader wanted her to write a piece in the style of one of her old compositions for the Liberation Music Orchestra, a band organised by bass player Charlie Haden. Blev was happy to oblige, not least because it was a chance to get her musicians into the recording studio.

These things matter in jazz. As the late Ronnie Scott put it. the only way to make a million from this music is to start with

Though she may never ascend to the stretch-limousine league. Bley's reputation as one of the most individual of modern bandleaders seems secure. The range of her interests will be demonstrated tomorrow when she opens a Contemporary Music Network tour at the Barbican with a programme including solo piano, a trio set featuring her regular saxophonist, Andy Sheppard, a performance by her big band and the premiere of a new commission — Fancy Chamber Music - by the string ensemble Opus 20.

Quirky titles were one of Bley's trademarks as long ago as the late Sixties, when she established her reputation with her "opera without words", A Genuine Tong Funeral. A few years later came the even more ambitious Escalator Over The Hill, [eaturing such seemingly incompatible talents as Linda Ronstadt and the avant-garde trombonist Roswell Rudd.

By turns elephantine and balletic, her music exudes a constant desire to poke fun at convention. It comes as no surprise to learn that Satie was among her most important influences when she was growing up in unconventional her father was a piano teacher. she was too stiff-necked to continue with lessons after the age of four. She later performed in church and at religious rallies.

Then came a serious fling with competitive roller skating (she once came seventh in a California state contest). Once she had fallen for jazz, she settled in New York, working as a cigarette girl at Birdland and other clubs, avidly listening to Horace Silver, the Modern Jazz Quartet and Thelonious Monk. Monk's sparse, halting plano style has left its mark on Bley's ap-proach to the keyboard, although she admits to having a limited technique. But the lack of formal training may have been an advantage. Unaware of the rules of the game, she followed her instincts. Yet even Bley concedes that selfexpression has its limits. She tries to resist falling into the usual pattern of solos-allround. "I don't think Count Basie or Duke Ellington would allow a guy to play solo if he couldn't play well. It



Free spirit Carla Bley followed her instincts

wasn't a democracy: it's not in my band either.

But most big bands today. for financial reasons, don't pay a lot of money, and to get the guys to play the written parts, each has to be given a solo - even people who play horribly. If you work a little bit, like I do, you can pay them enough to shut up. All the solos will go to Andy Sheppard, Gary Valente. one else who can really play, I don't even solo in the big band - I'm not on their level."

 Carla Bley's Contemporary Music Network tour opens at the Barbican tomorrow and continues at The Playhouse, Newcastle (Sun), Symphony Hall, Birming-ham (Mon), Corn Exchange, Bury Si Edmunds (Tues), The Dome, Brighton (May 21), Irish Centre, Leeds (May 22), The Pavilion, Bath (May 23), Nia Centre, Manchester (May 24), City Hall, Salisbury (May 25)

Heroin abuse is gaining depressing and dangerous ground among music's super-famous

it another way, when record companies start hitting pay-dirt, their artists start hitting the really serious, goodbye-tothe-rest-of-my-life drugs.

Y a country's music sent Pop's killing fields bealth of its artists. Or, to gat

demic for the last five years: furtive inquiries as to whether "Charlie" is "in the house" are

refuse the stuff; and the backstage toilets at the Brixton Academy have the despairing legend "Please sniff cocaine

When I first became a music journalist, the second bit of 'insider" information I was given sound checks and shouting requests is a no-no" — was that you could get a free line of coke by lowering the lid of any toilet in any venue in London, and wiping your finger across

Just as heroin followed in

the wake of grunge's success in the States, so it has slowly moved into Britpop circles. Cocaine - a loathsome drug that turns people into gibbering, egotisti-cal idiots with noses like a dripping tap is still, nonethe-

the surface

less, a drug for CAITLIN going out, socialising and generally having a life on. **MORAN** Heroin, on the oth-er hand, is a hermit's drug junkies don't mix with

"straights" — something nasty and furtive which removes you from friends and family, a self-contained, self-perpetuating bubble. Its reintroduction to the music industry was a calculated move on behalf of the dealers: For a dealer, a junkie is a long-term investment — each junkie can fund a yacht over a three-year habit. Most musicians try heroin a

couple of times, get scared and stop. Financial resources, and the fact that you can easily spend a year of your life cabbaged in a dark room watching daytime TV, makes most of them choose life over mid-afternoon brain death. But there's a whole faction of stars who have been able to integrate it into their lives very easily. — the lull in between touring and recording albums

becomes greater the more successful you are, and leaves you with enough time on your hands to work up a serious hahit.

Psychologically, heroin is the ideal drug for the superfamous. There are drawbacks to fame - loss of privacy resulting in super-sensitivity to other people's opinions of you; the soul-sapping grind of being constantly recognised, photographed and shouted at. whether you're at a premiere dressed in three sequins and a feather or buying tampons at a 7-11 with 3am Cherie Blair

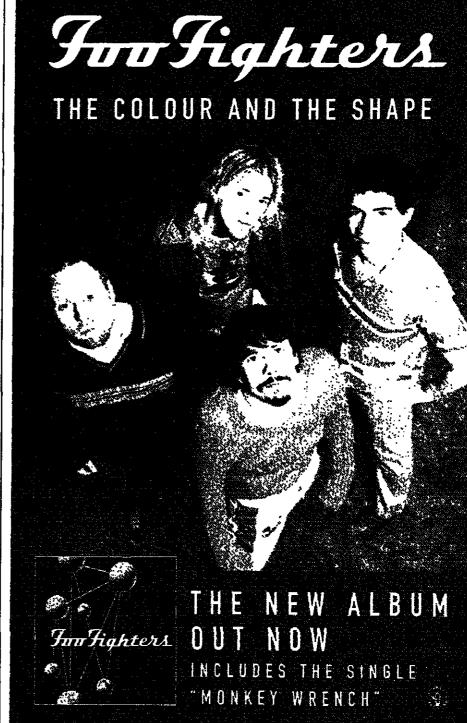
hair. All of these are nullified by heroin. Heroin stops you caring. If we demand

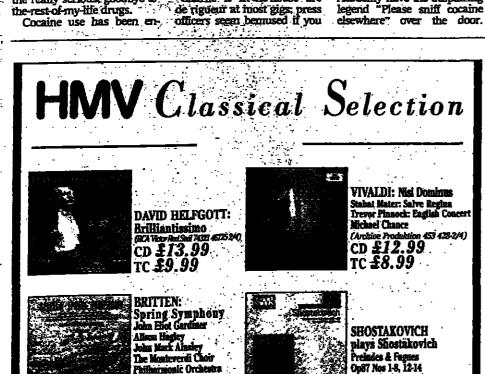
even the leisure time of our famous for ten minutes of amusement over breakfast, who can blame them for seeking peace elsewhere? I just wish it was Hatha Yoga. rather than heroin,

that was lighting up the music industry grapevine. And the details that I hear

through the grapevine are as depressing as they are alarming — the pop star who injects it between his toes, so the track-marks don't show in photoshoots; the one who's been in rehab four times and still can't kick it; and the one who was introduced to it by his bandmates, became hooked, and then started other pop-star friends on the habit.

I'm not going to name names — these otherwise sane, articulate, intelligent and extremely talented people are already under pressure that would make most of us buckle. And besides, no "Showbiz Drugs Exclusive!" ever saved any lives. But unless things change, there's going to be an awful lot of funerals over the next couple of years.





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A charge by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry that a

director had caused a company to make a payment to its bank in

preference to trade creditors was not limited to a statutory pref-

erence liable to be set aside under sections 238 to 240 of the insol-vency Act 1986, but was entitled to be based on a more general

complaint about the director's conduct to determine whether it

made him unfit to be concerned in

the management of a company

within section 6 of the Company

Directors Disqualification Act

Mr Justice Ferris so held in the

Companies Court of the Chancery

Division, dismissing an appeal from an order of Mr Registrar Rawson on March 21, 1996 dis-qualifying Mr Richard Richardson

from being a director of a company

for seven years pursuant to section 6 of the Disqualification Act. His

Lordship granted an order nisi by which the Legal Aid Board was to

pay the secretary of state's costs unless it showed cause within 14

Mr Richard Morgan for the

why it should not pay.

No duty to treat benefit Whether conduct Unfortunate connotation claim as inclusive

Regina v Secretary of State for Social Security. Ex parte Secretary of State for Social Security and Another v Nel-

Justice Swinton Thomas and Lord Justice Phillips

[Judgment May 8] Section 80 of the Social Security Act 1975 gave a discretion to the Secretary of State for Social Security to treat an application for supplementary benefit as including a claim for attendance allowance, but it did not impose a duty on the secretary of state to do

A disabled person who had claimed supplementary benefit between 1982 and 1987 without claiming attendance allowance had no right to have his claim treated as if he had also claimed attendance

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Michael John Cullen against the dismissal by Mr Justice Harrison on Novemjudicial review of a decision by the powers to backdate a claim by the applicant for attendance allowance ween 1982 and 1987.

The court also allowed an appeal by the secretary of state against a decision of Mr M. J. Goodman, social security commissioner, on June 15, 1995 allowing an appeal by Ronald Nelson and referring to the secretary of state for decision the mestion whether a claim in 1981 for supplementary benefit should aiso be treated as a claim on behali of their son for attendance

Section 80 of the 1975 Act, as amended by the Supplementary Benefit Act 1970, provides: (2) A claim ... (b) for benefit under the Supplementary Benefit

In re E (Minors) (Residence

Where a residence order was

granted to the carer of a child

under section 8 of the Children Act

1989 it was an unwarranted im-

position on the right of the carer to

choose where to live within the

United Kingdom, or with whom,

for the court to impose conditions

of residence under section !1(7) of

Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice Thorpe) so

held on April 30 in allowing an

appeal by a mother from the

orders)

in the alternative or as a claim also III as may be prescribed."

Regulation 9 of the Social Security (Claims and Payment) Regulations (SI 1979 No 628)

"(5) A claim for benefit under the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 may be treated as a claim also for attendance allowance, or an invalid care allowance." Mr Richard Drabble, OC, for the secretary of state in both actions; Mr John Howell, QC, for Mr Cullen: Mr Nelson was unable

to attend and was not represented. LORD JUSTICE HIRST said both actions raised a question of principle as to the secretary of state's powers to treat claims for supplementary benefit made beadditionally or in the alternative

for attendance allowance. nower under regulation 9 of the 979 Regulations to treat a claim for supplementary benefit as a claim for attendance allowance. That power had not been exercised in layour of either applicant when regulation 4(5) was revoked in April 1988 by the Social Security aims and Payments) Regulations (SI 1987 No 1968).

Mr Cullen was disabled by spinal injury in 1968 and claimed but on financial grounds was refused supplementary benefit be-tween 1982 and 1987. In 1991 he had specifically, but backdating was

Mr Nelson, also severely dis-abled, had been potentially eligible for attendance allowance since

mentary benefit, but not attendance allowance, during the period prior to the revocation of regulation 9(5). His application for

residence order, granted by Judge

Riddell in the Bow County Court.

that she continue to live at a

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-

SLOSS said that a general im-

position of conditions on residence

orders was clearly not contem-

plated by Parliament and where

the parent was entirely suitable

and the court intended to make a

residence order in favour of that

parent, a condition of residence

was an unwarranted imposition

upon the right of the parent to chose where to live within the

specified address.

backdating had also been refused. His Lordship reviewed the statu-tory code bearing on the relevant benefits, referring particularly to section 80 of the 1975 Act, Section 16 of the Interpretation Act 1978 provided, inter alia, that the repeal of an enactment did not, unless the any accrued right under that

enactment: Director of Public Works v Ho Po Sang ([1961] AC Mr Howell had submitted that despite the word "may" in section 80(2)(b) of the 1975 Act and in regulation 9(5), the secretary of state's discretion was a narrow one. He was required merely to determine whether it appeared that the claimant for supplementary benefit might also be entitled to attendance allowance.

In his Lordship's judgment, the phraseology was wholly inapt to impose a duty, but should be construed as conferring a discretionary power on the secretary of state to treat a claim for one kind of benefit as a claim for such other benefit as might be prescribed, thus freeing him from an unduh narrow approach which would confine any claim to one for the benefit specifically sought. It could not possibly have been

Parliament's intention to oblige the secretary of state in every case to consider possible entitlement to alternative or extra benefits across the whole spectrum of social security legislation as would be required if Mr Howell were right. The claimants had no accrued

right on which the Interpretation Act could bite. Once regulation 9(5) was repealed, the secretary of state could not exercise a power which no longer existed.

Lord Justice Swinton Thomas and Lord Justice Phillips agreed. Solicitors: Solicitor, Department Social Security; Bobbetts

Residence conditions invalid The correct approach was to look at the issue of where the children would live as one of the relevant factors in the context of the crossapplications for residence and not

as a separate issue divorced from

If one parent planned to remove

the children against their wishes to

a part of the country less suitable

for them it was an important factor

to be taken into account by the

court and might persuade the

court, in some cases, to make a

residence order in favour of the

the question of residence.

other parent.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Auld and Mr fessional privilege.

director unfit Secretary of State for Trade and Industry v Richardson for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE FERRIS said that although the case for the secretary of state was formulated on the basis that the conduct amounted to a statutory preference, it was not in fact limited in that way.

It was apparent from the terms of section 6 and the observations in In re Bath Glass Ltd ([1988] BCLC 329) and In re Sevenoaks Stationers Ltd ([1991] Ch 164) that the court was to be concerned with the court was conduct generally and not merely with contravention of specific pro-visions of the Companies Act 1985 or the insolvency Act

Moreover, although responsibility for a statutory preference liable to be set aside under sections 238 to 240 of the Insolvency Act was one of the matters to which the court, in determining unfitness, was to have particular regard (see section 9 and paragraph 8 of Schedule I to the Disqualification Act it was clear that those matters were not the only ones to which the court could have regard.

The secretary of state had not limited his case to a statutory preference. The reference to "preference" had always been made in general terms, as the secretary of

Solicitors: Maxwell Batley; Trea-

Privilege preserved in partial disclosure

Regina v Secretary of State for Transport, Ex parte Factortame and Others (No

Where a party had made partial disclosure of documents which had been subject to legal professional privilege, he could not subsequently be compelled to waive privilege in respect of the undisclosed documents where the matters in issue to which the matters in issue to which the documents related were severable so that the partially disclosed material clearly did not bear on the matters in issue in respect of which material was withheld.

Justice Popplewell) so held on May 7 when dismissing an application by, inter alia, Factoriame for discovery of documents over which the respondents claimed legal pro-

LORD JUSTICE AULD said

disclosing party was unfairly seeking to take advantage of his partial disclosure in the evidence which he deployed in court need not be left

The rationale of waiver of privilege over associated documents was that a party was not entitled to show his hand in part, and in general there was no satisfactory distinction for that purpose be-tween disclosure of a document and deploying it in evidence.

Much would depend on the

indication given by the disclosing party before trial whether he intended to rely on the privileged Where there was uncertainty as

to the use a party intended to make at trial of disclosed privileged material, the resolution of the opposing party's claim party's claim to further and associated discovery might have to await

of 'frivolous' regarded and such uncertainty

Regina v Mildenhall Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Forest Heath District Council Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Potter (Judgment April 30)

"Frivolous" in the context of an application made to justices to state a case bore the connotation "futile, misconceived, hopeless or academic". Where justices considered an application to be so, it would be helpful if they would briefly indicate why they had formed that opinion. Where justices had resolved

conflicting evidence, preferring that of one party to the other and had reached a conclusion sup-ported by the evidence, their decision, if mistaken, was an error of fact giving rise to an appeal to the crown court, but it was not, save in special circumstances perverse and an error of law susceptible of challenge by way of case stated to the High Court.

The Court of Appeal, Civil Division, so held allowing an appeal by Mildenhall Magistrates' Court from Mr Justice Ognall who had granted an application for judicial review by Forest Heath District Council and directed the justices by an order of mandamus to state a case following their refusal to do so in respect of their discharge of a noise abatement notice served by the district council on the user of a motor cycle racing track on the ground that his activities constituted a nuisance under the Environmental Health

On the user's appeal from the abatement notice the justices, having heard conflicting evidence, including expert evidence, had accepted that of the user and

llowed his appeal. The district council was dissatisfied with the decision and, instead of exercising its right of appeal to the crown court, applied to the justices to state a case under section 111(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 and pose questions which included, as question (4), whether there was any evidence on which a reasonable bench of justices could have concluded that the user's activities did not contitute a statutory nuisance.

Mr David Elvin for the justices: Mr Geoffrey Stephenson for the

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, having referred to Norman v Mathews ((1916) 85 LJ KB 857, 859); R v Cardiff Petty Sessions Betting Licensing Committee, Exparte Les iers Casina Ltd (unreported. April 13, 1992); R v Lowestoft Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Adamson ([1996] COD 276) and R v Southwark Crown Court, Ex parte Brooke (1997) COD 81), said that it was unfortunate that the ex-pression "brivolous" had ever entered the lexicon of procedural

To the man or woman in the street "frivolous" was suggestive of light heartedness or a propensity to humour and those were not qualities associated with most actual or prospective appellants.

In the present context, the exconsidered the application to be futile, misconceived, hopeless or academic. That was not a conclu-sion to which justices to whom an application to state a case was made would often or lightly come. Nor could they properly reach such a conclusion simply because

they considered that their decision was right or immune from challenge; still less could they do so out of a desire to obstruct a challenge to their decision or misplaced amour propre. But there were cases in which

they could properly form such an opinion and when they did it would be helpful to indicate, however briefly, why they did so. A blunt and unexplained refusal, as in the present case, might well leave an applicant entirely un-

litigation and expenditure on costs, On the substantive appeal, his Lordship accepted the justices' submissions that their decision had been one of fact: that there was conflicting evidence called by the parties which they were required to resolve and had done so: that if the district council considered that

was liable to lead to unnecessary

a wrong decision of fact had been reached then the appropriate mode of challenge was by way of appeal to the crown court; that it was inappropriate to dress up questions of fact as questions of law and then ask fittle questions, and that question (4) was plainly inappro-priate. The Divisional Court could not be called on to decide issues of fact where there was conflicting

The district council, in submit ting that question (4) was an appropriate question to be raised by way of case stated, had relied heavily on Bracegirdle v Oxley (1947) KB 349). His Lordship, rejecting

submission and agreeing with the observations of Lord Goddard, Lord Chief Justice, there (at p.553) eaid that it was obviously perverse and an error of law to make a finding of fact for which there was no evidential foundation, and to say that black was white, as the justices had done in the Brucegirdle case.

But it was not perverse, even if mistaken, to prefer A's evidence to that of B where they were in

That gave rise, in the absence of special and unusual circumstances which were absent here, to no error of law challengeable by case stated in the High Court. It gave rise to an error of fact properly to be pursued in the crown court. He would allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Millett delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Potter agreed with both. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor: Mr David Burnip, Mildenhall

Suitability of school

Crane v Lancashire County Council

In deciding whether a particular school was suitable for a child with special educational needs for the purposes of section 160(2)(a) of the Education Act 1993, a local education authority did not need to carry out a balancing exercise between the degree of unsuitability wishes before coming to its conclu-sion. The suitability of a school was a question of fact not fairness.

the Queen's Bench Division on May 12 when dismissing an appeal by Mr and Mrs Crane against a decision of the Lancashire County Council Special Educational Needs Tribunal of July 12, 1996 to the effect that the special school named by the local education uthority was the appropriate placement for their son.

HIS LORDSHIP said that on would be an efficient use of

swap agreement.

section 160(2)(c), the authority did need to balance the need to incur additional costs against parental That was not simply a matter of

fact as to what constituted efficient use of resources. If it were, any additional expenditure, however slight, on a mainstream school use of resources. Accordingly, that question was part fact, part

Scots Law Report May 16 1997 Outer House

Swap breakage cost was not incurred in connection with the stock

Property Investment Co Ltd Before Lord Penrose

[Judgment March 14] Where loan stock was issued on condition that it might be redeemed subject to the lender being reimbursed for "all costs, charges and expenses incurred by it in connection with the stock", and on redemption through the ordinary practice I the inter-bank market, the lender incurred the breakage cost of an interest-rate swap en-

risks in connection with the loan. but there had been no express discussion by the borrower and lender of the latter's intention to use a swap to hedge the loan, the breakage cost was not a cost incurred "in connection with the stock" and could not be recovered by the lender from the borrower. Lord Penrose, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of

Session, so held, granting decree absolving Dunedin Property

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Bank of Scotland v Dunedin tered into to avoid interest-rate Investment Co Ltd in an action of culated by reference to the fixed followed, and in 1989 the treasurer plained by the pursuers to the include the cost of breaking the costs to be borne on early termin declarator brought against it by Mr James Drummond Young, QC and Mr David Sellar for the pursuers: Mr Colin Campbell, OC and Mrs Sarah Wolffe for the

> LORD PENROSE said that the defenders had issued to the pursuers debenture loan stock to the value of £10,000,000 for a fixed term of ten years at a fixed rate of Condition 3 of the loan stock

deed entitled the defenders to repurchase the stock on six months notice "subject to the bank being fully reimbursed for all costs, charges and expenses incurred by it in connection with the stock". The pursuers had hedged the

transaction by means of an in-terest-rate swap with Security Pa-cific National Bank, exchanging receipt by the pursuers of a fixed rate for payment of a floating rate, namely the six-month Libor rate which the pursuers were paying for the sum raised by them on the nter-bank market to fund the

In 1993 the defenders had given notice to re-purchase the stock in terms of condition 3. The pursuers maintained in reply to the notice that the defenders were liable to pay the cost to the pursuers of breaking the swap with Security Pacific. That cost was the sum payable to Security Pacific calrate payable under the swap and the fixed rate that the US bank would get for a loan of the same maturity in the current market. subject to a discount to reach a current value for the breakage cost. That cost was given at

F1.250.000

The pursuers contended that, on the evidence, in practice there was never any power to break a longterm swap without compensation. The words in condition 3 were all in common use and meant that anything that the bank had to pay to break its hedging arrangement was a cost, charge or expense in connection with the stock: see Alloa Brewery Co v III (1992 SLT 121); Gomba Holdings v Minerva

Finance (No 4) ([1994] 2 BCLC 434). In practice, it was not possible to use existing hedges for new transactions because of changes in interest rates. As regards the circumstances known to the parties or to reasonable men in their position, the breakage cost arose out of the hedging arrangements undertaken by the bank to enable it to make the loan.

Hedging was a means of eliminating the interest-rate risks by a deposit or swap. It was ordinarily prudent for a banker. The evidence was that a deposit to cover a loan of \$10,000,000 for ten years could not be obtained. It had been objectively likely that the

practice of hedging would be

of a property development company was likely to have been aware of and to use the practice. His Lordship's opinion was that if the issue had been of construction of condition 3 in vacuo. without reference to the surround-

ould clearly favour the view that the hank were not entitled to recover the cost of breaking the swap transaction. No doubt it had been prudent and in accordance with normal banking practice, but it had been independent of the loan and had been undertaken by them for their own purposes. Its terms were outwith the knowledge and

ing circumstances, the arguments

control of the defenders. While there would be little difficulty in accepting that the cost of breaking the swap fell to be regarded as a cost, charge or expense incurred by the bank, there would be much greater difficulty in accepting that it should be treated as a cost, charge or expense insurred "in connection with the stock". In the absence of surrounding circumstances, those words imposed a limitation to costs directly connected with the stock, such as drafting costs in connection with the loan agree-

ment, the costs of any necessary costs that might be incurred.

On the other hand, the evidence

to hedge the transaction; that if the transaction were brought to a premature conclusion there would a cost; and that the bank would look to the defenders to pay that cost. There had been discussion of the cost to the bank of borrowing the funds required for the trans-action, and of the fact that no guarantee as to the amount of the costs on termination could be given, although the bank would attempt to minimise them.

defenders that the bank did intend

On the other hand, the evidence also suggested that there had been no discussion of interest rate swaps as a means of hedging, or of the practice of the inter-bank market whereby there would be no automatic right to terminate a

In the light of Gloag, Contract (2nd edition, p373) and Penn v Simmonds ([1971] I WLR 1381), the strongest argument for the bank was that the defenders must have known that there were potential costs in setting up a fixed-interest loan for a period of ten years.

On the evidence, the parties had had risks and costs arising from early termination in view and they were to be borne by the defenders. It could be argued with some considerable force that the critical words "in connection with the stock" had to be given a wider meaning and in the present circumstances should be held to explained. in consequence it had not been shown that the parties must have had in contemplation, as one of the

Strong as that argument was,

however, his Lordship had come to.

the conclusion that it had to be

rejected. The evidence did not go so

far as to show either that interest-

rate swaps, in particular, were discussed or that the inter-bank

market practice had to been

termination of an independent contract entered into by the pursuers for their own purposes. that cost was so intimately in-volved in the character, aim or object of transaction that it had to be held to form part of the consensus at which the parties had

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Judicial review challenge competent Boyle v Castlemilk East duced by the Land Compensation Housing Co-operative Ltd duced by the Land Compensation Act 1973, and then re-enacted in the that resulted from the carrying out improvement or re-dev pment; whether the house was a

Where a person was entitled to a

payment.

Lord Eassie, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, allowing Mrs Bridget Boyle a hearing on the merits of a petition brought by her for judicial review of Castlemilk East Housing Co-operative Lud's refusal to grant an application by her for a home loss payment

Mr Andrew Webster for the petitioner; Mr Donald Rae for the respondents.

LORD EASSIE said that th petitioner was a tenant of the respondents who had applied for a home loss payment under section 27 of the Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended She sought, inter alia, declarator of her entitlement to payment and Scots Act of the same year. A tenant of a housing association was entitled to a payment if

of the market value, subject to a minimum payment of £1,500. Any dispute about the market value Scotland under section 23(3).

The respondents argued that it was incompetent to seek judicial review where what was asserted was an entitlement to a nondiscretionary payment. The respondents in dealing with such a claim did not exercise any dis-cretion since the qualifying criteria had been enacted by Parliament,

West v Secretary of State for Scotland of Glasgow District Council v Mackie (1993 SLT 213) The petitioner's remedy was to sue in the Sheriff Court.

and not review of the exercise of a power of jurisdiction exercised by

Were the right to a home loss payment simply a matter of direct entitlement in the manner of an ordinary debt, that provision would be otiose. Any ordinary letter of demand would suffice and then only to avoid the con-sequences in expenses of having raised court proceedings

criteria were safisfied the ultimate amount of a payment was fixed in the sum of \$1,500 did not mean that there was no jurisdiction exercised by the responsible authority.

main residence; whether it had been so occupied for a period of one year ending with the displace-ment; and whether the criteria in section 29(3) and (3A) were met. an order for payment dem-onstrated that she was seeking a decision on the merits of her claim There were accordingly matters of fact as to which the authority determine an application in favour of the claimant and in order to do so it was empowered to make

> In his Lordship's view the power to require the furnishing of particulars as a precondition of determining an application pointed clearly towards the creation by the legislation of a "jurisdiction" as did the use of the word "determining" in section 29(1). Accordingly the respondents' at-

tack on the competency of the petition in relation to a home loss payment was unsound. correct in advancing the same argument in relation to a claim in payment under section 34, because on a proper construction of section 35 questions of both entitlement to ments were matters for the Lands

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Housing Co-operative Ltd Before Lord Eassie [Judgment March 26]

payment under statute if he met certain qualifying criteria, but the statute provided that payment was conditional upon the making of a written application to the paying authority, the facts of which the authority was entitled to check, it was competent to seek judicial review of the authority's refusal to pay, because the obligation to submit a written application excluded an ordinary action for

Such payments had been intro-

certain conditions were met that he had been permanently dis-placed from a dwelling in consequence of its improvement or re-development: that he had been in occupation of the dwelling as his only or main residence for one vear and that he had been in occupation by virtue of an interest or right to which section 27 applied. The amount was to be 10 per cent

was, in the ordinary case, to be referred to the Lands Tribunal for Section 29(I) provided that no navment was to be made except in a claim being made in writing giving such particulars as the paying authority might reasonably

They were not exercising any

that term had been employed in

The fact that she sought declarator of her entitlement and

an inferior tribunal or authority. His Lordship observed that section 29(1) stipulated that a payment was conditional on the making of a claim in writing to the respons authority who were then required to determine whether payment should be made, and if so, its

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EDUCATION



Greek lessons at the Brass House, an adult education centre in Birmingham. In Britain, adults comprise a large proportion of college students

Learning curve for life

dult learning is an untidy business. There is now crossparty consensus that the creation of a society in which people learn throughout their lives is essential if we want the UK to be economically competitive. There is increasing agreement with the argument of the 1996 European White Paper Growth, Competitiveness, Employ-ment, which highlighted the importance of learning for citizenship and of promotion of

Adults now account for three out of four college students and the bulk of people learning in the workplace. Despite year-on-year cutbacks in local education authority budgets, thousands of students continue to learn in community settings and, with the National Lottery Charities Board injecting funds into the voluntary sector this year.

prospects look good.

There is much to celebrate. but we can scarcely feel complacent. It is unlikely that we shall achieve the targets for lifetime learning set out in the National Targets for Education and Training.

tale of underachievement in the skills and knowledge base lished by the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) to coincide with Adult Learners' Week next week, Naomi broadcasting a BBC learning Sargant reports that more package online or on CD-than a third of adults say they Rom, and the chance to study have done no learning since locally. Channel 4 will be

Alan Tuckett outlines a much-needed initiative to help the nation's adults to educate themselves

they left full-time education, and eight out of ten see no likelihood of taking up learnlooking at all the learning

ing in the next three years. Part-time and temporary work, and self-employment, are growth areas in the labour force yet only 70 per cent of employers recognise responsi-bility for training their part-time staff, and just 40 per cent

train temporary while self-emworkers. ployed people find it hard to find time for updating. Adult Learners' Week attempts to address the challenge of reaching more and different learness. - Regional independent television will cover out-

standing adult ·learners' awards telling stories of students such as 98-year-old Esther Leonora of Clark, from Glossop in Derby-

shire, who organised her own French conversation class, or The CBI points to the "long Lin Li, who arrived from China in 1990 and has studied her way into a job in of the British workforce In accountancy.

The Learning Divide, pub. The BBC is launching a

major three-year campaign to encourage people to become IT literate "Computers Don't Rite" combines prime-time going on in pubs.

There is a free national telephone helpline (0800 100 900) available during the week, offering advice on studying. There are 5,000 local events, ministerial and parliamentary receptions, and line dances all over the country this Saturday. David Blunkett is learning French with
French embassy

staff on the London learning bus on 'The key Monday morning, and the Orange factor is Book Trust will be launching Orange the quality Reading Groups at bookshops, libof advice raries and adult

By the end of the week, 50,000 on offer people are expected to have called the helpline, up to half long-term them "

unemployed. Many others will be put off by financial barriers. The vast majority of adults study parttime, yet grants favour fulltime students, and part-timers have to pay their own fees. Unemployed people risk losing benefits if they want to study for more than 16 hours a week. and LEA discretionary grants are disappearing.

No one designed our postschool education and training system with adults in mind. As a result, a key factor affecting

the collaboration of Tesco and Microsoft to provide computer centres in supermarkets, the new technologies offer a your chance to learn is the recognisable potential to inquality of advice on offer. clude people, as well as to

The last Government recogexclude some. nised this when agreeing to set And yet the learning divide up a free "learning line", persists. No single measure planned for September. Labcan close it. Once adults have our identifies the importance had a good learning experiof advice in plans for a "university for industry". It ence, there is no stopping them. Sharing that experience also recognises the importance of the workplace in reaching new learners. Next Wednesmore widely is the challenge. Imagination, energy and a recognition that there is more to education than schools and day is Learning in the Work-place Day, and NIACE will universities all help. But inevitably, so, too, would additionreport on research sponsored by the EdExcel Foundation al funding. which looks at the key role of ● The author is director of NIACE, the national co-ordinator supervisors and line-managers. If you are in work, you are for Adult Learners' Week. The Learning Divide (£20), by Naomi Sargant, is published by NIACE. likely to ask your boss for

know what is on offer. Labour's plans to introduce a "learning account" worth £150 for people without postschool learning experience is based on the success of employee development schemes at Ford, Rover, Lucas and hundreds of other companies which have recognised the economic sense of supporting workers to learn anything they

advice on what and where to

study - yet far too few people

into others. There are powerful local initiatives, too. "Learning cities" are springing up all over the country, all drawing on the partnership of business and industry, education and training to improve learning oppor-

want to, knowing that skills

learnt in one sphere spill over

Anne Lee suggests how to match fine words with deeds

NOW THAT the issue of raising standards in schools has been made the Government's top priority, has three ministers in charge of it and a professor to advise the Government on it. how can we ensure that these standards actually are raised?

With more than 25 per cent of the new Government having had teaching expedience, we are entitled to expect some enlightenment, but not necessarily unanimity, on the

Ministers must ap-proach this thorny issue balancing both the economists' and the psychologists' points of view. In the classroom. we already know what creates good teaching and learning. The difficult part is working out how to make it happen. We know that in the Czech Republic, educational attainment at the age of 13 in mathematics and science is nearly

at the top of the international league tables, even though the state spends less than half as much per pupil as we do. However, the culture in the Czech Republic is to value education above all. Can David Blunkett create this culture here among our disaffected, underachieving boys?

This is not an argument for budget cuts: there are too many familiar stories of insufficient supplies of out-of-date textbooks. I heard of one pupil who moved in the sixth form to an independent school from the state system. She earned herself some good-natured beckling when, at the end of the first lesson, she offered to collect up the photocop-ied worksheets. "You mean we are allowed to keep them?".

Resources in the classroom are vital. Teachers have learnt through years of parsimony to make a little go a long way, so a little more in the classroom and a little less

on bureaucracy might go a very long way. Good teaching is a skill that can be taught at training college, and ought to be reinforced through continuing professional education. Having been head teacher at a school where, as well as dealing with the very bright, we enabled students with mediocre abilities to attain respectable A-level grades. I know this can be done. It requires great dedication, good systems, prompt feedback to students and to other teachers. It requires both resources and a culture in which the head teacher and parents readily praise and value classroom achievement, yet do not shirk from problems.

It is easier to achieve high standards in schools where the size creates a sense of

Living community (say, up to 650 pupils) and it is no accident that in the independent sector, it is the smallest schools (200-350 pupils) which up to serve the less academi-Labour's cally able pupils the best. Perhaps new Lab-our will be bold enough to ask why parents are vision increasingly choosing the independent system

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> to raise standards. They must know how to use the disciplinary and competency procedures. They also need to know they will get reasonable backing from their governors and local education

if they can.

Sometimes it has just

got too dire. Closing the

failing schools, replac-

ing a governing body

or temporarily placing two head teachers in a

post where one could not possibly win are all

It has been suggested that the new head teachers' qualification

tory. Certainly the role

of the head teacher is

central to any attempt

Good teaching includes having clear objectives for each lesson. It includes using a combination of whole-class teaching and discovery learning. It means knowing how to handle questions, both the innocent and the disruptive sort, and handing back marked work promptly. We know that people learn in different ways, and learn most when they feel loved and esteemed. Computers can support, but they will never be able to replace the qualified teacher.

WE MUST learn to recognise, reward and use those many teachers who are outstanding, rather than easing them out because they are too expensive. We need those whose classroom skills are constantly good, who take the trouble to update their expertise, who can coach and advise junior teachers and who make cultural or sporting contributions to school life which, shame on us, we have taken for granted for so long.

Though a general teaching council must regulate minimum standards, we should award the outstanding the status in our society that they deserve and call them "chartered teachers".

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Chelsea snubs Ivy League

helsea Clinton is going to Stanford this auumn, and university admissions officers everywhere else in America are sniffling soft tears into their wine

glasses. Why didn't she choose us. they ask at Harvard. The question, flavoured with pique, has been asked also at Yale, at Princeton, at Brown, at Wellesley. Is the Ivy League not good enough for the First Daughter? Why, oh why, does she want to study in the midst of those palm trees, surfleads, roller-bladers, bicycle boutiques and on-campus sushi bars? What's wrong with New England, old money and a bit of sleet in winter?

Even Mom and Dad are unhappy. Chelsea, 17 years old. will be 3,000 miles from Washington, as far from her parents as it is possible to be on a mainland American campus. The President, at least, was pragmatic. "We'll stay in touch mange called Cultures, Ideas with her," he said. "The planes and Values. Wags insist that with her," he said. "The planes .. run out there and the phones work. And we can e-mail her, time in Stanford's labs, trying so we'll be all right." Hillary to isolate and destroy her Clinton, as is her wont, took a more sour view of her daughter's impending flight. "My friends there," she revealed,

will keep an eye on her." Chelsea's choice has intrigued America. She will study for a "pre-med" course: a liberal arts-and-science degree, lasting four years, that will lick her into shape for a postgraduate degree in medicine. She will nourish herself on large servings of Eng lit. chemistry, calculus, biology, philosophy and a typically



Tunku Varadarajan explains why the First Daughter chose California

Californian intellectual blancshe will spend much of her Arkansas genes.

There is no question that Chelsea's decision has strengthened Stanford's standing in the sharp-clawed world of America's universities. "She's done the right thing," said Coit Blacker, a former National Security adviser to Mr Clinton and a Stanford man himself. "As an institution. Harvard is the university of the 20th century. Stanford, however, is the university of the 21st century." - Founded in 1891, which makes it a positively medieval

place by Californian stan-dards, Chelsea's alma materto-be first won recognition for its engineering and science faculties, which are credited with spawning the fabled Silicon Valley. Yet Stanford's humanities departments are now just as redoubtable. Four of America's nine Supreme Court judges, for example, read law there.

What most attracted Chelsea is that factor loosely. described as "atmosphere". The campus is an alluring place, set in 8,100 acres of park land. Its red-roofed buildings, balmy climate and laid-back Californian demeanour made it quite irresistible to a young woman who has been

imity to Washington would have appealed more to her parents and bodyguards than to Chelsea herself. Elitist Brown University, with the fewest scholarships available at any Ivy League institution, would have been a politically tricky choice. And as for Wellesley... well, Hillary Clinton

competitors' negative points. Edward Fiske, editor of the annual Fiske Guide to Colleges, was betting on Harvard, but has said he understands her reasoning. Harvard is, after all, less attentive to its undergraduates than it is to its

hemmed in for too long by the ponderous protocol of White

College-watchers also be-lieve that Chelsea's decision

was based as much on Stan-

ford's positive appeal as on its

House life

much-vaunted "grads". Yale was ruled out by the inde-pendent-minded Chelsea because her parents studied law there. Besides. New Haven is a pretty grotty place. Princeton came close, but its

small-town setting and proxwent there as an undergraduate. Adios, Wellesley!

So, the President's daughter, who grows less gawky with every passing day, will go west in search of wisdom. As a National Merit Scholarship finalist, she could have walked into the university of her choice. A thoughtful, articulate teenager - whose views on world affairs are probably weightier than her father's this White House ugly duckling could soon turn into a Stanford swan. Watch Chelsea

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Godolphin considers suspending operations

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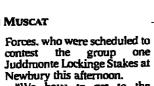
The series of below-par performances has been uncharacreristic of a stable run along precise lines. But Classic Cliche's eclipse in the Yorkshire Cup yesterday prompted Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, to accept that a cloud has settled over the Newmarket-based stable.

After Classic Cliche, a proven and resolute galloper, had finished tailed off in the race he landed with gusto 12 months ago. Crisford said: We were not prepared to look into it until Classic Cliche had run. He was our benchmark and he went out like a light three furlongs out. All the tests have come back fine but something is clearly wrong. We can't put our finger on it and none of us has ever known anything like it."

Crisford and other key members of Godolphin met with Sheikh Mohammed last night to decide on the appropriate course of action. The odds are Godolphin will shut up shop until the root of the problem is identified. Although a strategy for the longer term remains to be confirmed, a decision about the next few days was swiftly

forthcoming.

Godolphin's declared runners at Newbury and Newmarket today will be scratched, and its intended starters for tomorrow and Sunday will also not run. Significant among its entries are Alhaarth and Allied



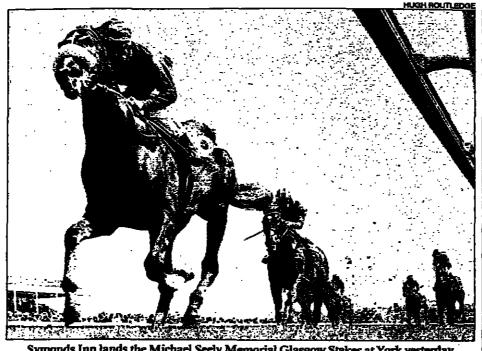
Newbury this afternoon.
"We have to get to the bottom of it." Crisford said. "This is something new to us because we have never previously suffered long-term problems. We are going into the wilderness, but we will be

In addition to Classic Cliche, Asas finished tailed off in the Michael Seely Memorial Glasgow Conditions Stakes yesterday. Blue Duster and Diffident ran respectably in the Duke Of York Stakes. while Monsagem - rated among Godolphin's better juveniles - finished a neverdangerous fourth on his racecourse debut. Godolphin has now saddled three winners from 25 runners this season, a poor strike-rate by its standards. Despite its tribulations, however, some massive wagers were struck on Classic Cliche, including individual bets of £24,000 and £20,000.

We never run horses unless all their regular tests show them to be 100 per cent," Crisford said. They look great, seem healthy and have been pleasing their work rid-ers. We don't know what to make of it."

As Godolphin struggled with its problems, Ben Hanbury was able to deliver an upbeat assessment of Fahris, who is back on course for the Vodasone Derby after making significant progress from a sinus operation.

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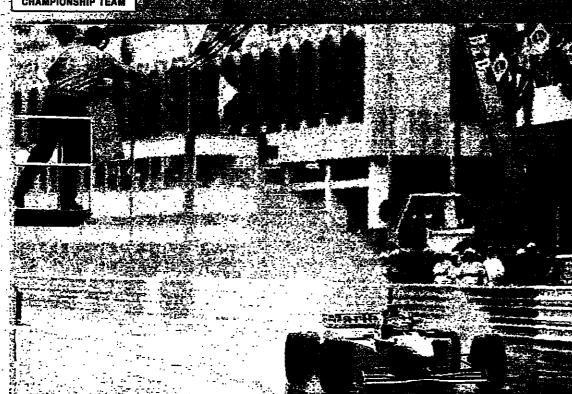
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S chumacher's win at the Monaco Grand Prix.

pictured left, has transformed our leaderboard in the race for our £25,000 first prize, courtesy of our sponsors Marlboro World Championship team. N. Rowe from Totton, Southampton, leads with 3,875 points. His team. What Alesi Bunch!, scored 903 points in Monte Carlo and gained 300 bonus points for correctly predicting the first three drivers past the post. His team comprises Villeneuve, M Schumacher, Irvine, Panis, R

Schumacher, Fisichella, Williams, McLaren, Ferrari, Sauber, Tyrrell and Minardi. Mrs JB Higgins of Carlton-le-Moorland, Lincoln, wins a trip for two to the British Grand Prix. Her team, The Flat Tyres, scored 1,350 points at Monte Carlo. Second was N Hutton of Kinmel Bay, Rhyl, who wins a Sony PlayStation and CD-Rom games. His team, Silver Mine, scored 1.271 points.

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Celeric triumphs in test of character

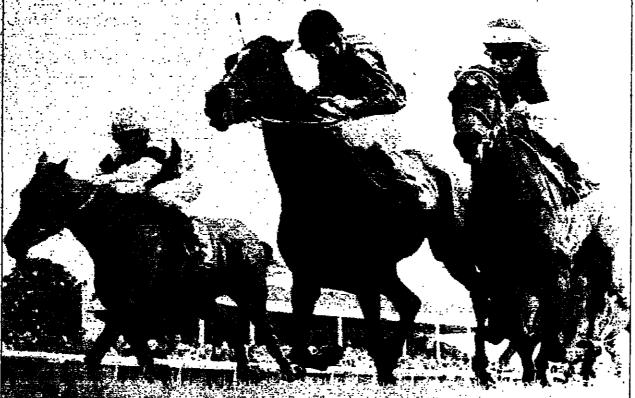
TALENT is often compromised by quirks of character and Celeric certainly threatened to throw away the Yorkshire Cup he fought so hard to capture on the Knavesmire yesterday. In a spelibinding final drive, the five-year-old ran down each of his opponents with a bravura show, only to idle as the winning post beckoned.

The lead changed hands six times down the long home straight to make this a marvellous advertisement for the uncertainty of racing. Only by

Nap: SPINNING WORLD (3.40 Newbury) Next best: Whitechapel (2.40 Newbury)

a nostril did Mons fail to regain the initiative from Celeric, who, having thrust his head among the flailing whips, promptly decelerated when he hit the front. It takes much to animate the seasoned features of Pat Eddery but he wore the look of a proud schoolboy as he rode into the winner's enclosure.

Celeric appeared unpromisingly placed as he turned for home last of the nine-runner field. Classic Cliche set a modest pace until his uncharacteristic capitulation three furlongs out. At that point Sacrament and Samraan



Celeric, centre, is driven out by Eddery to beat Mons, right, and Whitewater Affair in the Yorkshire Cup yesterday

immediately picked up the gauntlet, with Key To My Heart bearing down on the outer and Mons threading his way through along the far rail. All the while Eddery and Celeric had precious little from to manoeuvre.

The gap arrived approaching the final furlong and could," the jockey said with a smile. "In the end, I got there a couple of strides too soon but

without flinching under Eddery's hard driving. How-ever, Celeric's finishing kick is such that Eddery reached the front with 100 yards between him and the laurels. "I was told to put him in front on the line and I did everything I

for much of the race I thought I wasn't going to get there at all. He is a remarkable horse: a real pleasure to ride." In no way did a subsequent two-day whip ban dampen Eddery's

If there was a melancholy aspect, it was that Mons, the model of a virtuous racehorse, was again edged out of a

major prize. The four-year-old has taken more hard races than most will tolerate; his turn is richly deserved. And Whitewater Affair's rally for third was all the more meritountil beyond halfway.

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Celeric, who has made uncommon improvement in 12 months, is to be aimed at the

staying ranks are sparsely populated with talent and Celeric's progress towards the higher echelons can only enhance this much-neglected division. There remains no finer sight in racing than a competitive sequence of Cup races. "The big proviso about Ascot is the ground," David Morley. his trainer, said. "It was all right today but he cannot have

it last enough." Celeric's stamina-laden display came in total contrast to the preceding contest, the Duke Of York International Factors Stakes, in which Royal Applause outclassed a collection of talented speedsters from the opening strides. This was a convincing performance from Royal Applause, described by his handler. Barry Hills, as "the classiest sprinter I have trained". The colt now heads to Royal Ascot for the Cork And Orrery Stakes and the July Cup. It will take a good one to lower his colours over six furlongs.

Jimmy Fitzgerald introduced a legitimate Derby outsider when he saddled Symonds Inn to a decisive victory in the Michael Seely Memorial Glasgow Stakes. The son of In The Wings appeared a shade reluctant as he ranged up to Shaya, but he eventually asserted himself to earn a 33-1 quote for Epsom. Symonds inn will be his trainer's first runner in the Epsom classic.

3.50 KILBURN HANDICAP (£4,406, 51) (13)

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2.10 CROOKHAM MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O £4,016 1m str) (17 runners) O AGGE ALHERO 12 in 27/12/cm/2 healthing \$4,000 for DELEVEURN HBL of free levels of a listation heighbour 9-0 CHARGE AF Genome (5 Proteins 9-0 CHARGE AF Genome (5 Proteins 9-0 CHARGE AF GENOME (5 CHARGE 9-0 CH 20 SHAHEN 11 Trib species Cope dram in Case 140 SHARADARID 55 North Committee 140 SHOW PRAINDING 1918 RB 18 April 17 Cor 140 25 THE 1550THATOR 23 Name by Syndrodie Mitheaton-5 | 15 | 15 | State Mark Both Edits | 19 | 10 | States | 1 | Color | 30 | | 15 | 17 | 15 | The USSOTATION E 31 | States | 1 | Color | 1 | Color | 1 | | 14 | 15 | 5-22 | THTA EUFFO 50 (BF) | 14 | Levinard (1 | States 3-0 | C. Asmossen | 15 | (11) | OS-6 | UTAR 6 (6 | States - 2 | States 3-0 | States 3-0 | C. Asmossen | 16 | (15) | Os-6 | The ROURS | 20 | States | 1 | States 3-0 | R. Penham | 17 | 19 | States | 1 | States

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2.40 LONDON AND MANCHESTER ASSURANCE HANDICAP (£5,800 1m 4t 5yd) (7 runners)

304-00 VANTECHAPEL 39 (C.D.G.S. 175) Section. Lord Hurbrington 3-9-10 CRutter 510-10 WHITE PLANTS 22 (F) F 1.5-13 F 100-10 Capter 5-9-10 CRUTTE PLANTS 22 (F) F 1.5-13 F 100-10 Capter 10-10 WHITE PLANTS 22 (F) F 1.5-13 F 100-10 Capter 10-10 WHITE PLANTS 22 (F) F 1.5-13 F 100-10 Capter 10-10 BETTING, 3-1 Shap Could 7-1 Happy Collubria-1-1 (Intertrape) 9-2 vota Premiera 11-2 White Plants 7-1 Reput Season (3-5 Other Sea

1995, DANCE SO SUITE 4-9-5 1 Quan (16-1) P Cale 11 ran

FORM FOCUS SHARP CONSUL and to to thempagne Prince in handicap at Neemaalet (fm 2), good) WHITE PLANS 41.7% at 19 to Prince Brack in handicap at Ferom (fm 4), good) ROYAL SEATON 131 6th of 22 to Rechtbere in handicap at Ferom (fm 4), good to fmm CLIFTON BEAT 141.9% Selection: WHITE PLANS

3.10 VODAFONE GROUP FILLIES TRIAL STAKES (Listed race, 3-Y-0; £12,315, 1m 2f 6yd) (4 runners)

(3) 4016-0 BOOLINE 12 (V.C.F.S) (No. A Source) 6 Hilb, 5-12 (4) 1630 GRETEL 229 (S) (Sheek) Molastmeth M State 8-9 (2) 41 TEMPTING PROSPECT 202 (C.S.) The Careni Lord riveringdon 6-9 (1) 122-0 YASHMAR 12 (G) (F Abdullar H Jeet 3-9 BETTING: 8-11 Yeshmak 7-3 Gretel, 11-2 Benjum, 6-1 Temping Prospect

1996: MEZZOGKOFINO 5-3 R Cochrane (5-2) G Wragg & rac FORM FOCUS

BOOJUM beat Fernanda 11 in 9-numer insted roce here (71 54yd, solit), Oct 96. GRIETEL about 12 3rd of 17 to Reams 01 verse in the Group III Hay Hill states at Doncacter (11m, good to Imm). Sep 96. TEMPTING PROSPECT beat Subtractive 21 in 7-numer conditions stakes here (11m, solit), Oct 96. previously, 25-1, 2nd of 7 to Red Carrella in ticsed care at Sandonn (71, good to Imm) with GRIETEL about 144 6th, July 95.

3.40 JUDDMONTE LOCKINGE STAKES (Group J: £73.321: 1m str) (12 ruffners)

1 (5) 030-55 ACHARME 21 (D.S) (Partot Rating) C British 4-3-0 2 (10) 5033T- ALHAARTH 222 (D.F.G.S) (Goodspins) Sibra Surcor 4-9-0 K Falton 93 (27) 211-13 ALL-ROYAL 20 (D.BF.G.S) (Goodspins) Sibra Surcor 4-9-0 K Falton 94 (12) 012-0- ALLED FORCES (27) (G.G.S) (Goodspins) Sibra Surcor 4-9-0 DOUBTFUL 5 (6) 3400-6 BEAUCHAMP NING 21 (D.F.G.S) (E Persen) J Duntop 4-9-0 J Reid 6 (3) 1123-5 BIN ROSE 21 (B.D.D.G.) (W Such 0 Loods 5-9-0 K Darkey 84 (14) 450-52 CARMAN KA 11 (B.F.S.) II (Windling R Harmon 4-9-0 Bare O'Nell 84 (11) 450-52 CARMAN KA 11 (B.F.S.) II (Windling R Harmon 4-9-0 Bare O'Nell 84 (11) 450-52 CARMAN KA 11 (D.BF.S.) II (Windling R Harmon 4-9-0 Bare O'Nell 84 (11) 450-52 CARMAN KA 11 (D.BF.S.) II (Windling R Harmon 4-9-0 Bare O'Nell 84 (11) 410-410 (11 BETTHIS: 6-4 Spanning World, 5-2 First Island, 5-1 Even Top, 12-1 All-Royal, Ben Fosse, 16-1 Decuated Hero 20-1 Beautramp Fing, Cayman Nay, 25-1 Gothenburg, 50-1 Astrame

1996 SOMET LINE 6-9-0 T Culton (13-2) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALHARITH beat Charmon 15th in the 10-numer Group II Pris Du Rond-Porn (I'm good to soft) with BN ROSE (3th being off) 25th 35th 0ct 96. All- ROYAL beat Worm 21 to the 11-numer Group III Earl Of Setton Clabes at Newmarket (I'm 11, good) with BN ROSE (5th worse off) 1.1 2nd GOTHERBERG (2th carse off) 1.1 2nd GOTHERBERG (2th carse off) 1.1 4th, ACHARNE beat Cuptomaria 25th in the 11-numer Grade III Handicap at Belmonth Park (I'm 110yd Irm) Oct Setton Clabes of 10 and 10

4.15 HIGHCLERE STUD FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES

(2-Y-0; £4,880; 5t 34yd) (6 runners) 1 ANOTHER FANTASY 11 (D.G.) (Kas P. Aubert) F. Hamson 9-11
41 BODEARINST MICTION B (D.G.) (Bodisa Cad) A Cadey 5-11
11 HOH CHI MAN 11 (D.S.) (A Albert) M Set 6-11
21 PACIFICA 30 (D.G.) (I Wells in Bots 5-11
INDIWARI IN Al-Mathouri) P Walvin 9-5
SUMMER DEAL (M Arbit) P Cade 8-5 BETTING: 2-1 Another Fanlas ; 3-2 Pacifica, 11-4 Bodteridistinction, 4-1 Hon Div Min, 15-1 Sammer Deal, 66-1

1996 MORE SILVER &-5 T Out n (9-11 har) P Cole 4 ran

FORM FOCUS ANDTHER FAMTASY best indices Silver 20-1 in 8-1 madden at Rempton (SI cond) and BOD/ARIDISTINICTION best femaletop to 6 in 6-1 matter madden at Cheer et (SI beavy) NOH CHI AMAN best Roo's Pet chord-head in 9-numer madden at Reports St. Sort, PAGFICA best Michard 20-1 in 9-numer madden at Newmarket (SI good)

4.45 FURLONG CLUB CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: \$7,669, 61 8yd) (7 runners)

BETTING: 7-2 Hallato Referencem 9-2 Tombs Dancetherophraney 13-1 Mulcodgs 7-1 Ormana Coy 16-1 Johnny Staccato

1996: RAMBLING BEAR 9-7 R Cochrane (13-2) M Blandfurd 9 ran FORM FOCUS

TOMBA beal Cayman Kei neck in 8-numer conditions: stakes at Haydock (6), soft) HATTAB beal Sabina 1'41 in 10-numer handiscap at Newmarket (71 good) with MINTADAR head of Not 1'41 in 10-numer handiscap at Newmarket (71 good) with MINTADAR head to 1'41 in 1'42 in 1'4

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Witts	Res	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J. Gosden	31	126	24 6	L Dedoxi	39	202	19.3
L. Cumani	11	53	20 8	J Reid	50	272	18.4
D. Loder	5	29	17.2	J Weaver	9	50	18.0
B. Hanbury	8	48	16.7	T Gunni	30	245	12.1
R. Chariton	18	113	15.9	Pal Edden,	30	260	11.5
M. Johnston	4	29	13 8	M Hills	18	164	11.0

Peslier booked

OLIVIER PESLIER, who won the Dante Stakes on Benny The Dip at York on Wednesday, bids to land another pattern race for a British stable today. The French champion jockey has been booked to ride Busy Flight for Barry Hills in the group two Prix Jean de Chaudenay at Saint-Cloud. The Aga Khan's Darazari appears to be the



Turn to Spinning World

NEWBURY BBC2

2.40: Sharp Consul was a good second to Champagne Prince at Newmarket two weeks ago and will appreci-ate today's easier surface, but is not certain to be so effective over this extra quarter-mile. contrast, Whitechapel will need every inch of this trip but, with the soft ground in his favour, he looks on a winning mark. The veteran has dropped Slb in the handicap since finishing a good third behind Kutta and Ballynakelly here last Seprember. Voila Premiere also easy surface last autumn, York, but may need his seasonal reappearance.

3.10: Tempting Prospect, whose dam won the leave behind a disappointing Ribblesdale Stakes, is being run in the 1,000 Guineas. She

2.95 (6) 1, Royal Applause (M) His, 3-1 fav. 2. Fartans (9-2): 3, Bue Duste: (100-30): 10 ran. 1 M, 3, B Halls Tota: £3-40; £1.40, £1.60 £1.60 DF £8.40 Teo. £8.30 CSF £15.10.

3.10 (Im 5) 194yd 1, Celenic (Pat Edder), 7-2, Richard Evers's nep); 2, Mone (13-2); 3, Whitewater Affair (6-1), Clessic Clote Evers (av 9 ran, Shird, 3-4). D Mortey, Tota. C380, E1-40, E1-90, E1-90, DF 59-99 Tito: 521-90 CSF 526-73.

3.40 (im 2.65/d) 1, Symonds Im (K Falion, 4-1); 2, Shaye (3-1 law), 3, Greek Palace (7-2), 6 ran 3/4, 2/51, J Pitzgerald Tole: 54 00; 51.80, 51.90 DF, 54 60, CSF; 515.15

4.10 (8) 1. Belledera (K Darley, 33-1); 2. Happy Days (20-1); 3. Wales (2-1 lay) 9 ran. 1 vi. at N Tinider Tolle 549.80; 55.30, \$1.70, £1.50 DF £196.70. CSF: £481.75.



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

aimed at the same race and: will be all the better for her seasonal debut. Boojum won on soft ground here last year but showed little in the Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket. showed useful form on an. Gretel beat Medaaly first time out last year and was

Verse in the May Hill Stakes. That should give Henry Cecil a clue as to the chances of Yashmak, who is taken to

2790.40. CSP. £209.30 Tricest. £1,806.38.
S.10 (†m. 21.85yd.) 1. Give Me A. Ring (D. McKecven, 9-1): 2. Mejor Charige (10-1): 3. Gerne Ploy 17-2-fey). 12 ten MR. Cottest Chief 4. W. C. Thornton Tote: £7.40; £2.20. £2.60, £1.50. DF. £36.90: Tho. £34.50. CSP. £74.02. Tricest. £255.61. Charingagne Prince (6-1) withcharier, not under orders — nule 4 applies to all bels, deduction 10p in pound. Jackpot not, won, (pool of £16,672.39 charied lowerd to Thirsk today).
Placespot: £34.80. Quadpot: £19.70.

Going: good to firm, firm in places 2.15 (S) 1. Pool Music (R Hughes, 3-1); 2. Compadore (25-1); 3. Percy-P (7-2). Lincoln-shire 9-4 fax; 6 ran. NP: Tate A Turn. 14), 154. R Hannon: John S30, 251, 0, 1250, 27-20. DF: £20.00. Trio: £34.40. CSF £54.72.

2-45 (fin) 1, Blue imported (M Henry, 20-1); 2, Agent Mulder (33-1); 3, Carlys Quest (12-1); 4, Interdream (8-1). Absterny 3-1 Sav. 18 ren. NJ, St. J. Hills. Tote: £68.50; £8.70,

be sent within 7 to 10 days of your first bet being placed.

Salisbury

should appreciate this easier surface, having finished an excellent second on soft ground in the Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp last

3.40: Spinning World is markedly better on soft ground as he proved when winning the Irish 2,000 Guineas, and can provide Jonathan Pease with his first training success in this country. The Nurevey colt showed he had trained on when giving 6lb to the in-form Simon Du Desert and winning by a short-neck at Saint-Cloud two weeks ago. First Island showed he can handle easy ground at Doncaster talented miler will appreciate this galloping track after just failing to catch Wixim at

Sandown three weeks ago. RICHARD EVANS

28.50. 23.30, £2.30 DF: £3.40.60 Trior £326.00. CSF £494.13. Triceat: £7.471.07. 9.20 (1m 45) 1, Badlesmere (C Putter, 10-11 fav); 2, Double Allegad (13-8); 3, Fletcher (18-1), 4 m. Sh fd, 34. P Cole Tote: £1.70 DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.50.

tor 1, a tast of 18, for cose 108° £170 DF. £180 CSF. £250.

3.50 (58' £12'yd) 1, Ben Gunn (R Cochrare, 12-1); 2, Amber Fort (7-2 text; 3, Mintz (12-1); 4. White Settler (20-1) 19 ran NRt Marsab. Hd. 11. P Walwyn Tote £10.90.

£200, £140, £400, £360. DF. £24 70 Trio £233 20. CSF. £47.95 Tricast. £514.20 Ethand finished second, but after a elewands' tripiary was discussified and placed lest 4.20 (61 £12'yd) 1, Forget To Remindrine (P Paurphy, 33-1). 2, My Beloved (5-2 text); 3, Last Chence (6-1). 16 ran NR: Mysterum NR, 15ta. J Moore, Tote. £46 00; £50 (6, £16), 22.50 DF £72.10 Tito: £154.30 CSF. £107 71 4,50 (1m 11 £09yd) 1, Western Hour (J Red. 3-1), 2, Lonely Heart (7-1); 3, Silver White (6-1), Nibra 15-8 fev 16 ran NR: Glowing Moon, Keyboogle 144; SI P Chapole-Hyam Tote: £4 69; £1 60, £1.90, £2.70 DF. £12.00 Tito £30 60. CSF. £255.4.

Going: good to soft.

1.55 (2m ch) 1, Know-No-No (R Garnity, 9-2); 2, Knoardine Bridge (25-1); 3, Ali Cleer (9-1); Reliegio 4-7 tav. 8 ran NR: Astraleon. 171, 101. M Hammond. Tote 55.00; 5: 10, 52.70. 51: 80. DF: \$58.90 Trio. £132.40. CSF: £78.25. 2.25 (Sm 110); d holis) 1, Military Academy (P Carberry, 5-4)-1-4n; 2, Perstands Riyer (5-4)-1-4n; 3, Biocming Spring (18-1), 8 ran. NR: Meadowtock, Rembling Reset: 3-M, 12: 6 DF: £180 Trio: £9.80 CSF: £2.57.

DF: Y1 80 Into: 1930 CSF 12267. 3.00 Gar Chi 1. East Novaston (R McGrath, 7-1); 2; Rusty Blacks (10-1); 3, Nipray (9-4 Isay) 8 can. NR Tough Test 21, 214; J J CYNell, Tools: 25.50; 22.10, 51.70, 51.10 DF: \$25.50, CSF: 257.21. Tricast £154.80.

Perth

Going: good to soft

epot £141.10. Quedpot £13.20.

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2.15 Super Benz. 2.45 Komi. 3.20 Champagne Warrior. 3.50 PRESENT 'N CORRECT (nap). 4.25 Dirab, 4.55 Winter Scout, 5.25 Manikat Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Damaway.

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING .

2.15 MOWBRAY SELLING STAKES (£2,618: 7f) (14 runners) (\$22,618: 71) (14 runners)

101 2103 RRST GOLD 7 (D.F.A.S) J Warron 5-9-12..... G Duffield 7

102 00-6 ASTROLARS 91 (B.F.) J Bradley 5-9-7.... J Egan 2

103 00-6 CROSS OF VALOUR 108 (F) P Howing 4-9-7. F Norton 11

104 D432 DICTATION 14 J J D'Weit 5-9-7. J Fonton 11

105 RRUGA, 341 B Marts 4-9-7. V Halfdey 3

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107 306- PRIME PARTNER 223 T Emischy 4-9-7. M Barch 9

108 SACRED SPIRIT A Larne 5-9-7. W J O'Chambr 6

109 134- SUPPR BEN 235 (D.F.F.G.S.) J Fyre 10-9-7 R Lappin 10

101 110- SUPPR BEN 235 (D.F.F.G.S.) J Fyre 11-9-7 R Lappin 10

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113 4026 SERAPE 14 Mrs. I Subdes 4-9-2. Dele Gibson 1

4-1 Sir Arthur Hobbs. 5-1 First Gold, Super Benz. 7-1 Dictation, 8-1 Korotucky

2.45 GORDON FOSTER MAIDEN STAKES (£4,016: 1m) (12)

9-4 Damanay, 5-2 Romi, 11-2 Zanhir, 10-1 Biol, 12-1 Jack Doyle Sniett. Madison Med, 14-1 offers.

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6-5 Champagne Warnior, 5-1 Durgams First, Heathparit: Rock, 8-1 Bedoum Prince, 16-1 Spine Cross, Whothehellishamy, Double Vinlage, 20-1 others

NEWMARKET

2.00 EBF DITCH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £3,525: 6f) (8 rumners)

Noven, 5-4 (eq.); 2. Chill Wind (11-1); 3, Dutie Of Peth (11-4); 4 (eq.); 2. Chill Wind (11-1); 3, Dutie Of Peth (11-4); 4 (eq.); NR: French Project, 41, 41 Mrs. M. Reveley, Total \$1,70. DF \$9.90 CSF; \$10.42. 4.00 (2n 110yd hdle) 1, Teejsyn'sitch (S Teytor, 11-4); 2. Hopetul Lord (S-1), 3, Charl-istions (7-2). Six Clerks 5-2 lav. B ran. NR; Nordick Legend. 191, hd. J Goldo Toto: 22-80; 21,10, 24.30. DF 213.30. CSF: 221.83. 4.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Sauroy (A Ogden, 11-8 fav); 2, Howaymen (2-1); 3, Masser Kil (8-1), 8 ran, Nk, 18f G Richards, Tote, £1.80; £1.70, £1.10, £1.30 DF, £1.90 CSF £4.10.

5.00 (2m 110yd list) 1, Queensway (F Leehy, 7-1); 2, Young Tomo (20-1); 3, Old Bombey (4-1), Wotstheproblem 9-4 fav 14 ran 6, 8, J Pizzgerald Totar 55.60; 52.80, 55.30, 52.00 DP \$108.90. Telo \$121.10. CSF \$138.53 Piacepot Wednesday's

late details Huntingdon

Geingr good to firm 8.35 (2m 110yd helie) 1. Nordance Prince (N Williamson, 47 law); 2. Red Meditel, (3-1); 3. Lindissellarscubedive (8-1); 10 ren 3%4, 7. Miss V Williams Tote: £1.70; £1.40, £1.40, £1.60 DF, £2.20 Trio: £4.50 CSF, £2.69. Placepot: 522.70. Quadpot: £4.90.

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Cotory good to soft

8.20 (3m 110yd hale) 1, Kirstenbosch (W
Doeling, 9-2); 2, klardood (18-1); 3, Precipice Run (16-1). Skarre Rise 7-4 fee. 11 ran.
12; 21; 1, Lungo. Tota: 25-60; 21-80; 23-30.
23-90. DP 210420 746; 2180270 CSF270727 Nicket: 2088, 13

HANDICAP (£4,164: 1m 6f) (8)

3-1 Sez Frendom, 4-1 Weish MEI, Rall Tarpitle, 6-1 Soojama, 8-1 Ancient Guest, Express Gift, 10-1 Noble Levil, 12-1 Mayer Combression.

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Aintree: 5.45 Frozen 3u4, San Remo 8.15 Give And Taks, Folkestone: 5.50 Linger Balmda 6.55 Fanngo, Foxbow, Grassington Newbury: 3.10 Boptum: Newmarket 4.05 Fortuna Hopper 5.10 Saltando Stratford: 600 Fenian Court. Saltsan, 6.35 Idiotic 8.40 New Roes, Saucy Nun

5.25 EASINGWOLD RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O, £2,889: 1m) (8)

1 026 COLONEL'S PRIDE (34 F Whater 9-0 2 300 JANE'S BDY 195 Mrs J Ceal 9-0 3 00-0 KLONDRIC CHARGER 20 5 Mils 9-0 4 600 NWELLO 198 JW Payre 9-0 5 0-12 MANDATO 34 F COSDIVE 9-7 6 6-00 HEATHYARDS PEARL 119 6 Hotinched 8-1 7 -022 PI GOOD NACK 6 (8) M W Exambly 8-11 9 02-4 KLSHARMY 17 L Cursan 8-11 0 D Wright 5
G Duffield 2
G Carter 7
W Ryan 3
M Rummer 6
end 8-11 D Criffishs (3) 8
11 G Parlon (5) 7
O Urbina 4 Evens Kutshamoy 5-1 in Good Nucl. 13-2 Mondaire Charger 8-1 others

2.00 Saffron Lane. 2.30 Almuhimm. 3.00 Welsh Mill. 3.35 Serenity. 4.05 Penlop. 4.35 Assured Gamble. 5.10 Mountgate.

Newmarket Correspondent 3.35 SERENITY (nap).

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.30 NGK SPARK PLUGS RATED HANDICAP

(£7,290: 7) (9)

(8) 4-00 CADEAIX TRYST 16 (0.7,6) E Durlop 5-9-0

(2) 300 GENERAL ACADEAIY 150 (6.) Phallomy 4-9-5 R (hughes 9)

(3) 90 0-10 CHEXAMACKA 16 (20.7,6.5) B Planing 6-8-4. T. Sprake 90

(1) -0.00 HERBORN 8 (C0.7,6.5) F Februse 6-8-4. ... E Hind 96

(3) 2220 SABOT 55 (0.1) C Treation 4-8-2 S Drounte 96

(7) 40-4 WELTON ARSENAL 11 (0.7,6) K Bistrop 5-5-2 R French 7)

(8) 060 ALMAHAMA 230 (0.7) T Barron 5-8-1 M Roberts 94

(2) 01-3 SAFAN 27 (8,0.0,7,5) D Monts 8-8-0 K Day 97

(4) 600 MILLITOVER 230 (C0.7,5,5) M Histon-Etis 7-0 89

3.00 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS

1 (3) -000 MASIC COMBRATION 12 (0.F, 6) 8 Curley 4-10-0
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2 (6) 26-0 ANCIENT QUEST 12 N Callagian 4-10-0 ... 8 Hughus 90
3 (4) 5-02 WELSH MBL 11 (0.6) late M Revetor 8-9-13 S Copp (5) 98
4 (8) 132- PLLI THROTTIE ROLL | F.6, M Tomplots 4-9-7 M Roberts 90
5 (1) -511 SEA PREEDOM 17 (V.D.6.3) G Baiding 6-9-5 S Drowne (2) 0.00- NOBLE LORD 43.1 8 Buckley 4-9-11 ... A McGrom 90
7 (2) 0.06 EXPRESS GIFT 13.1 (8-F, 5) Mrs. M Revetor 8-8-8-6
8 (7) 2123 SOLAMA 21 (8.C.F, 6) R Flower 7-8-3 ... G Hind 84

3.35 KING CHARLES II STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O; £10,843: 7f) (8) | (5) 16-4 ARDREYEV 30 (D.F.6.5) & rannon 8-12 | R. Hughet (2) 4-25 GRANTIVS PET 19 (6) P.Cute 8-12 | J. Outon (8) 42-0 NGFASINE 30 (F.) J.Fute 8-12 | D. McKatown (7) -1-80 ROYAL ATY 19 (6) P.Cuteway 8-12 | G. Hud (4) 3-1 SHANAF 31 (CD.6) J.Denilop 8-12 | R. Hills (7) 20-1 SWISS LAW 12 (CD.6) T. bin Surgoi 8-12 | DULBTIFUL (1) 113- SEPERITY 210 (CF.) J.Farsburg 8-7 | DULBTIFUL (1) 113- SEPERITY 210 (CF.) J.Farsburg 8-7 | M. Roberts (3) 15-1 YULBRLEWEED PEARL 11 (F.6.) 8 Mechan 8-7 M. Roberts

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Brian Glanville charts Roberto di Matteo's unorthodox route to Wembley

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Italian wanderer who has found freedom in exile

oberto di Matteo has this in common with his Chelsea and Italy colleague. Gian-anco Zola: in football terms ney have both come up the ard way, both followed their oute to the top from relative

bscurity.
This is in contrast to Chelea's third Italian, Gianluca falli, the golden boy from a omfortable Cremona family. /hose seemingly inexorable rogress has only now, in ondon, shuddered to a halt.

But where Zola at least grew p in the warmth of a Sardinan family, di Matteo, as an talian journalist in London suts it. "has known the realiies of life. He's encountered acism, as immigrants do. very day, he knows so well hat he is one of the

The racism was encounered in Switzerland, where di √atteo was born 27 years ago it Schaffhausen, the son of an mmigrant worker from the \bruzzi. In fact, apart from his hree seasons in Rome with azio, di Matteo has spent practically the whole of his life utside Italy.

To watch him play now, in nidfield, to watch the cool, issured elegance with which ie wins tackles, glides into ttack, strikes powerfully for goal, or makes a clever pass, it s strange to think his progress as been so unorthodox.

With his dark, deep southern looks, he must always nave seemed a fish out of water in German Switzerland. But the local Schaffhausen dub, then in the Swiss second division, launched him as an 18-year-old, tall and well built, using him 49 times in his first wo seasons. His third season was wasted. He was fit to play

out a single game.
Yet better things were in store. In 1991, he was signed by the Zurich club of the first Jivision, played 34 games and scored half a dozen goals with his now familiar bursts from the midfield, and moved on to SC Aarau. Here, too, he was a a spectacular new career

To the delight of his parents. who had always wanted him to play in Italy — and still do — he was transferred to Lazio. It was in some senses a mixed blessing, with more money, an Italian ambience, the chance to become a star. But, against that, there was the immense pressures of Roman football, the demanding fans, the intransigent press; and Zdenek

Zeman, recently sacked by Lazio, is the Czech manager who originally came to Italy as a basketball coach, turned to football, successfully managed Foggia, and was appointed by Lazio. He is a dour figure, who trained his players to exhaus-



tion and demanded rigid discipline. Di Matteo's duties were essentially restricted. "He was punished if he came forward. Ruud Gullit, his present manager, joked. At Chelsea, and now in the Italy side, di Matteo is free to express himself. in Italy's most recent international, against Poland in Naples, he was a perpetual threat to the Polish defence.

He scored the first, fine Italian goal, stealing with perfect timing and anticipation into an inside-left position, while the ball was worked across from the right hy di Livio and Albertini. In his first season with Lazio, he did, in fact, score four

goals in his 29 Serie A games. The next season, Arrigo Sacchi, then the Italy manager, picked him for the Azzuri. His debut, in November, 1994, was not well augured. Croatia beat Italy 2-1 in Zagreb, in a European champ-

ionship qualifier, but di

Italy's remaining games that season, collecting six caps.

The next season, it was an international match for Italy which soured his relations with Zeman and led in turn to him leaving Lazio.

After the game, di Matteo returned to Rome and took a day off training. Zeman was incensed, and publicly criti-cised di Matteo, implying that he was shirking his duties to the club. The situation was exacerbated when, in an Italian cup-tie against Inter-nazionale, at home, which Lazio dominated, Inter won thanks to a goal scored when a corner skidded off di Matteo's hapless head, to be exploited by Berti.

All this was enough to incite the lunatic fringe of Lazio's volatile fans. A group of them went to di Matteo's home, destroying his entry phone and post box. The next Sunday, as a public, pompous protest against Lazio's recent poor results, the fans decided they would stay silent in the Olympic Stadium.

In June last year, Zeman put the tin lid on it when he described di Matteo as "important but not indispensable". Di Matteo decided that was enough; he would leave. Sergio Cragnotti, Lazio's owner, roared that di Matteo was under contract, and must stay. Two days later, he went. Indeed, the deal was done in

Cragnotti's office in central Rome. Some Lazio fans were there, hovering outside. When di Matteo drove away for ever, they spat on his taxi.
Di Matteo took quickly to

London, though his parents still wish that he had stayed in Italy. A bachelor, he frequently brings his family to England, especially his blind. 18-year-old sister, whom he diligently takes to Chelsea's

The same Italian journalist sees di Matteo as pure gold. "You could go away, leave him in your house, leave him access to your bank accounts,



and, when you return, the house will be in perfect order, and every penny of interest on your account would have been

His form dipped a little in December, and Gullit left him out for a couple of games. "I

expected of him. I just gave him a couple of weeks' good training, and he relaxes himself, relaxes more, I think sometimes you have to protect the player from himself, give him the right boost to come

back again. Which di Matteo, still Chelsea's most expensive player, at

"Our team was good in of-fence, but less good in defence. So that was the reason we never won anything. It was difficult at away games. We didn't win so many points away:" But now he can hope to win an FA Cup Final.

£4.9 million, emphatically has

done. Of Lazio, he has said:

Wembley plans come unstuck as Wolves go out early

By Russell Kempson

IT WILL be remembered as one of the Express 8 Star's shorter and less successful promotions—the "I wanna go to Wembley" car sticker campaign.

Yesterday morning, in Wolverhampion, there was not a vehicle in sight with the blackand gold catchphrase adorn-ing its back window. Wolverhampton Wanderers had bowed out of the Nationwide League's first division play offs the night before, and their hopes of joining the FA Carling Premiership had again expired.

Even with the benefit of the vociferous Molineux support, and a first half goal from Mark Atkins, Wolves, trailing 3-1 from the first leg, failed to produce any similar passion or constructive movement. Palace, young and inexperi-enced, remained calm under pressure and equalised through David Hopkin in the second half. Even a late goal from Adrian Williams failed to ruffle their composure.

Palace go on to meet Shef-field United in the final at Wembley on May 26. United went through against Ipswich Town at Portman Road, a stubborn display earning them a 2-2 draw after extra time and safe passage on the away goals rule. They had also drawn the first leg, I-I, at Bramall Lane.

In the second division semifinals, Brentford beat Bristol City 2-1 at Griffin Park, giving them a 4-2 aggregate victory, while Crewe Alexandra recovered from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 with Luton Town at Kenilworth Road. Crewe went through to Wembley, where they will meet Brentford on

May 25, on a 4-3 aggregate, Prospects of an all-Welsh, third division final between Swansea City and Cardiff City, which police had feared because of the rival fans traditional dislike for each other, failed to materialise. Though Swansea beat Chester City 3-0, after drawing the first leg 0-0. Cardiff lost 3-2 to Northampton Town, and 4-2 overall. Swansea and Northampton meet on May 24.

From Mr Charles Speed

the championship.

Sir, It is grossly unfair of Oliver Holt (May 13) to single

out David James as a culprit in the disintegration of Liver-

pool's "flawed challenge" for

Serious flaws have been.

vident in Liverpool's perfor-

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Success for Robson may make Barcelona think again

By OLIVER HOLT POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE day before Wednesday's European Cup Winners' Cup final, some Dutch journalists began taunting Bobby Robson at a press conference. "They were shouting the names of Johan Cruyff and Louis van Gaal at me," the Barcelona coach said. "They said I was just a stop-gap between two Dutchmen. But I pay no

Yesterday, no one else was paying attention either. The taunts were stilled, the tables had been turned and Robson over Paris Saint-Germain that brought Barcelona their first significant trophy for three years, courtesy of a penalty by their Brazil forward, Ronaldo. Wednesday night's victory, coupled with Saturday's win

attention to that."

over Real Madrid, has at last brought Robson respect in Spain after a season of rumours that he was about to be replaced by Van Gaal. The Barcelona president, Josép Lluis Núñez, may still press ahead with that ill-concealed, ill-conceived plan, but Robson will at least have made him squirm if he does, after an impressive first season in charge. Yesterday, though, the former England manager was allowing himself to dream of crowning his career with a European Cup triumph.

"We have a great chance of finishing at least second in the Spanish league," Robson said, and I would like to think that, next season, we could exceed even the standards we have set this year. In next year's Champions League, there will not be many teams better than Barcelona and whoever is in charge at this club will have a good chance of doing very well in that competition. I would like to think it will be me."

He even allowed himself a wry smile when he looked around the room and picked out a group of journalists from his home country. "I am glad to be supported by the English press," he said. It has taken him some time, but, gradually, Bobby Robson is winning everybody over. Núñez is last in the line.

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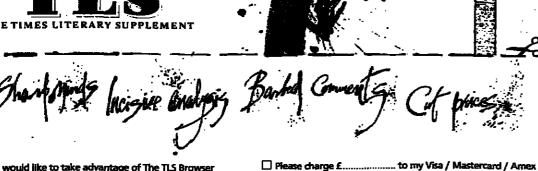
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Youngest entrant From Mr D. L. Bird

Sir. Both the table termis player Katy Parker (report, April 22) and the dinghy sailor Mark Richmond (Sports Letters, May 2) are remarkable performers to have competed in world championships at the age of 12.

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Liverpool challenge lacking ination to win, and that was against Paris St Germain at home after a dire display in Paris, when it was too late.

Manchester United won the championship because they are a driving force for 90 minutes of every game. Much as I admire Evans's desire to produce attractive football, I hope he can induce the necessary motivation and prove after all that nice guys can become successful managers. Yours faithfully,

in the season, when Roy Evans's management style CHARLES SPEED. Only once this season have 38 Washingborough Road, we seen any sign of a determ-Heighington, Lincolnshire.

> From Mr M. B. Baldwin Sir, Following the Pilkington Cup final between Leicester

and Sale last Saturday, we are again hearing calls for some-

thing to be done about teams persistently stifling their oppo-

nents' possession through off-side at rucks or the killing of

The solution is simple — application of law 26(2)(d):

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Yours-teithfully.

MAC BALDWIN,

the ball on the ground.

Dancing blues General warning

SPORTS LETTERS

From Ms Freya Incledon Sir, If Oxford Blues are to continue to represent outstanding sporting achieve-ment, then the way that they are awarded must be closely monitored.

As a former member and secretary of the Oxford University Women's Blues Committee I was (and I am still) concerned that the members appear to have scant regard for the long tradition and high standards that Blues have always held.

Simply because ballroom dancers (report, May 10) invest money in their so-called sport and the attendance on club nights is large, I do not. believe that they are justified in receiving the status of full

The Varsity match takes the form of a ball and this does not seem to me to reach the level of international sporting achievement that is usually one of the requirements for a full

Yours sincerely, FREYA INCLEDON, 123 Northwold Road, E5.

Britons, however. That distiriction belongs to the figure skater Cecilia Colledge. She was eighth in the 1932 world championships, at the age of Il years 82 days. A week earlier she was the youngest competitor in the Olympic Games - a record that still stands. Yours sincerely

DENNIS L. BIRD. 37 The Avenue. Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex.

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THE TIMES FRIDAY MAY 16 1997

GOLF: MONTGOMERIE OFF THE PACE AFTER LEVEL-PAR FIRST ROUND

Chapman determined to end run of near misses

By JOHN HOPKINS

those golfers who snatch a victory just when it seems they are about to lose, it does not take long for it to turn to those players who lose even when they are on the point of winning. Pre-eminent among those in the latter group is Roger Chapman, one of the nicest men on the European tour, who has amassed II. second-place finishes in tournaments around the world in his ló-year career as, a

The talk turned to Chapman and his record again on the first day of the Alamo English Open, at Hanbury Manor. Chapman's 66, six under par," compiled when the sun shone and before the rain came, gave him the outright lead. One stroke behind him is Thomas

As titles go, being the bestknown runner-up on the European tour does not go far. It is an albatross around Chapman's neck, not a wreath of laurels, and he has been lumbered with it for some time. He has been close to winning several times in Europe - his only victory as a_ professional came in the 1988 Zimbabwe Open at the aptlynamed Chapman Golf Club in Harare - and the longer he fails to do so, the harder

in the Swiss Masters and thought a 69 in the fourth AFTER the talk has turned to round would have been good enough. He took a 73 and Craig Stadler won. In 1991, he lost the English Open by two strokes when he finished with two bogeys.

Something had to be done. Several of his team-mates from the 1981 Walker Cup team had turned professional and won tournaments - Paul Way and Ronan Rafferty among them. Why could he not do the same? For a while he went to see Alma Thomas, sports psychologist in Bedford, who also worked with

the England rugby team. Now he is working with Chris Linstead, who is trying to teach him controlled aggression and now, Chapman says, he feels better able to cope when the pressure is on. Going down the stretch before it has been 'let's get this over with'." Chapman said. "I feel more comfortable now."

The real test will come later in the week. A 66 in the opening round when the weather is good, there are not half a dozen players in close pur-suit and the television cameras and spectators are not. concentrating on you, is one thing, a 68 in the fourth round quite another.

Chapman has been seeing Linstead for just over one year. I am conducting myself better on a golf course," he said.
"If I made a couple of bogeys Id have two or three more before I got back on track. Last week I had a 79 in the first

A S ROUND SCORES



Chapman: mind game

Europeans battle

with distractions

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

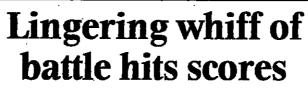
second round I had a 66. It was a matter of pride."

By the same token, holing 100 successive two-footers in the cathedral quiet of a summer's evening is not at all like putting well during a compentive round. Colin Montgomerie began his famous putting routine on Wednesday night. In fact he did more than his usual 100.

"I hit 300 putts and then today it took me only four holes to three-putt from 15 feet." Monteomerie said after a 72, a lacklustre level par. Its only saving grace was that the weather had turned for the worse. The morning sun had been replaced by showers. Because he talks about his

putting woes so much and so often, Montgomerie is in danger of talking himself out of being a very good putter into a lesser one. If he is not careful, José Maria Olazábal will do the same thing, but with his driving, not his putting. He is not half as bad a driver as he would have us believe.

For years he has been comparatively wild off the tee with a driver and his frustration is compounded by the fact that he is as accurate as anyone when he uses a oneiron from the tee. Bad drives cost him strokes at the 13th and 18th and though his 69 was a respectable score, it left Olazabal irritated at the way that it could have been better.



home front added a frisson to early lead, on 68, three under par, with Barb Mucha, a fellow American Mitzi Edge, who started at

> two under par, a case, peren's amateur champion, also five under par, she found herself one under three holes later after a triple bogey seven at the 3rd, her twelfth, that bunker and other parts of the

ing champion, took the time to call Terry Coates, the executive director, and say "see you in Denmark", hoping that he would stay on at least until the Ford-Stimorol Danish Open at the beginning of next It was going to take all the

the preparations of the 19

Europeans competing in the first round of the \$1.2 million.

McDonald's LPGA Champ-

Alison Nicholas, a member

of the board of the American

Express European tour, scur-

ried to the 1st tee after a

morning of telephone calls

and discussions that left her

little time to eat, let alone

complete her normal practice

ionship at the DuPont country

club here yesterday.

concentration that the European players could muster to ignore the long-distance distractions for long enough to post a decent score, but focus is one of competitive golf's buzz words of the moment and people such as Davies did not get where they are today by not being able to adapt to all

sorts of conditions.

The world No I, who was greeted with heartwarming cheers on a sunny, breezy day, was one under par after five holes. Nicholas, more frazzled, was one over after three.

Kim Saiki, a Californian of Japanese origin, who lacks consistency - four missed cuts so far this season but tied for eighth place at the Sara Lee

Sanchez is

IN BRIEF

NEWS of ructions on the Classic last week - shared the

the 10th and was six under par after ten holes, needed to birdle the ninth to finish on 69, haps, of waking up too early. Pat Hurst, a former US womlapsed badly. Out in 31, to be course away from the putting surface.

The Scots. Catriona Matthew and Kathryn Marshall, had satisfactory rounds of level par. Matthew, striking the ball better after a lessson from John Chillas at home a few weeks ago, holed from 25 feet for a birdie two at the 17th and nearly chipped in from the left rough at the last, to save her par four. Marshall. fighting a tendency to lose her temper to the detriment of her scoring, had a birdie four at the 498-yard 9th, her final hole, to secure a solid start. Helen Alfredsson, still the volatile Swede, was less successful. She slumped to a 77,

CESSTUI. She slumped to a 77, SIX OVER DAT.

EARLY SCORES (US unless stated): 68: K Sald, 8 Macha: 68: M Edga, P Hurst, 70: K Monaghan, D Domann, A Francy, A-M Pati (Fr), P Bradley, 71: C Matthew (GB), K Watto (Aus), J Lichack (Paul), K Marnhall (GB), 72: C H | Kort, Swee), K Parter-Gregory, M Lunn (Aus), S Strudwick (GB), N Remsbotion: C Johnston-Forder, L Lindley 78: J Wyett (Cart), J Creiter (Aus), M McGeorge, M Monts, D Andrews, J Geddes, Other European - Scores, 74: C Sorenstern (Swe), 77: H Alfredsein (Swe).

THE air remained thick with difficult it has been for Coates acrimony at the American

Express Tour Players' Classic at The Tytherington Club yesterday, the hangover from a stormy annual meeting of the Women Professional Golfers' European Tour still present two days after it had taken place. There was a tournament to be played, but

sort of an indicator, the last thing on the minds of most of the field was playing golf. The meeting brought vehement criticism from players would attract £4.5 million in prize-money from 21 tournaments this year had not been kept. There are 18 events, plus two with restricted fields, on

if most of the scores were any

this season's schedule with prize-money hovering on the £2.5 million mark. An increasingly unpleasant atmosphere, during which insults from several players were hurled at the top table. brought the immediate resignation of Gill Wilson, the deputy chief executive. Terry Coates, the chairman and chief executive since 1993, is expected to follow suit at a

board meeting to be held shortly. The players had a meeting last night to decide their response. Coates was not at Tytherington, but that did not deter him from saying his piece. The players have shot themselves in the foot," he said. "Their expectations are totally

The entry for this tournament gives some idea of how

unrealistic."

and Wilson to develop the tour. Only one member of last year's Solheim Cup team, Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, is playing -- the other II are all competing in the McDonald's LPGA Championship, in the United States. The remainder is made up

of promising youngsters and middle-ranking competitors, good players, but not names that would strike a chord either with sponsors or the public. De Lorenzi drew a good-sized gallery, but most largely unnoticed.

Although a boisterous breeze sprung up from time to time, there was little to account for some dreadful scoring. Only three out of 121 players broke par and the lead was shared by Tina Fischer, of Germany, and Vibeke Sten-srud, of Norway, on 69, three under par, two shots ahead of Anne-Marie Knight and three in front of a group of four that included de Lorenzi.

Fischer is also an engineer of landscape architecture, and was wearing her clever-clogs engineering hat during the McDonald's WPGA Championship last year when she scoffed at the design of the 13th hole of the King's course at Gleneagles, which was designed by James Braid, one of the immortals of the game.

To criticise Braid in his native Scotland is regarded as something close to heresy, and Fischer got away with it only by going on to win the tournament

RUGBY UNION

Cotton wants nerves of steel

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

lined up for Eastbourne ARANTXA SANCHEZ-VICARIO and Jana Novotna head the list of entries announced for the Direct Line international women's tennis championship at Eastbourne,

the Wimbledon champion, may play if she suffers no further injury problems. Ice hockey: Cardiff Devils have been expelled from the European Cup for failing to sign a contract to play home games at the Nynex Arena. Manchester, in time. The

from June 17 to 2J. Steffi Graf,

was deemed too small. Motor racing: The final Formula One race of the season. the Portuguese Grand Prix at Estoril, is to be put back two weeks to November 9 because of work on the track, a Portuguese Government minister said yesterday.

National Ice Rink in Cardiff

Bowls: Brenda Atherton and Jayne Roylance have been left out of the England team to take part in the home international series in Ayr next

ONLY by immersing themselves in the unique culture of South African rugby will the British Isles team benefit in the broadest sense from their 13-match tour of the republic, which begins when they leave Heathrow tomorrow. That is the belief of Ian McGeechan, now preparing for his fifth Lions tour and third as coach.

"We are not going just to olay rugby in South Africa, we will become part of South Africa." McGeechan said as the tour party gathered for its first open day in Weybridge. A media scrum hung upon his words and the Lions will find that, at its height, their tour will attract a following of nearly 200 media representatives.

They have produced very good games of rugby, partly through their refereeing and partly through their attitude, and we have to be part of that. The more we involve ourselves, the more we should benefit from the way things are done ... and appreciate the game that is evolving in South Africa." McGeechan's message may have been directed as much at his 35 players as his media audience.

inviting them to express a adapt to new law changes curiosity in their new can lead to outbreaks of v surroundings. The Lions management will

discuss refereeing interpretations early next week with Freek Burger, the South African Rugby Football Union referees development officer. Their three internationals will he handled by officials from France, Australia and New Zealand and the Lions are keen for such neutrals to be involved in some of the leading provincial games — that is a matter for negotiation.

The frustrations arising from different interpretation -- and the Lions will have to



Johnson: honoured

back from that challenge."

will be needed if the Lions are northern hemisphere successfully.

Martin Johnson, the Lions captain, who last night re-ceived the Rugby Football Union's player of the season award, sees the tour in a more limited dimension: "We have tough games," he said. "We want to win them, we want to be a successful team and, if that redresses the balance between northern and southern nemispheres, so De II.

Rugby FOOTBALL UNION AWARDS:
Player of the season: Martin Johnson.
Young player of the season: Prif Greening.
Best England debut. Fischerd Hill Unsung
hard.

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Linguist

can lead to outbreaks of violence in an already physical game and Fran Cotton, the Lions manager, will lay down a code of conduct for his players. "It's a tough place to play rugby," Cotton said, "and we will only consider players who will not take one step McGeechan said: "If we

play the way we want to play. we won't have time for anything else," referring to the continuity and acute decisionmaking in broken play which to represent the interests of the

ern hemispheres, so be it."

auction with Three No-trumps. East plays the jack of clubs on the opening lead and declarer wins with the king. He crosses to dummy with a heart to take the diamond finesse. This time East has two "idle" fifth cards; which

The answer is neither of them. He should discard the queen of clubs. In a previous Refresher I have mentioned the Rule of Eleven. West led the five of clubs: five from eleven leaves six, which is the number of cards higher than the five held by the other three hands. North had two (the nine and the eight). East had three (the queen, jack and seven) and declarer has produced one (the king). That

accounts for all six, so declarer

doesn't have a club left that is

should he discard?

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

VOLVOX a. A Swedish hooter b. A willing voice c. A spherical bug

ZITELLA a. A pox b. A girl c. A priest's belt

VIOLAN a. A toy viola b. The white violet c. Blue silicate

WHOPSTRAW a. A canvasser b. Macaroni cheese c. A bumpkin

Answers on page 50



Britain's best delight selectors

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THERE was no disguising the relief of the British showjumping selectors at the Royal Windsor Horse Show yesterday when three team regulars, led by Michael Whitaker on Virtual Village Absolom, filled the top three places at the inaugural Hildon International Team Trial, an event designed to open up the selection process for the British

Whitaker, who first rode the Dutch-bred gelding, owned by Susila Cruyff, daughter of Johan Cruyff, the former Holland international footballer, two months ago, was the only rider to achieve

three clear rounds. Geoff Billington, a member of the Olympic team in Atlanta with Whitaker, took second place on Virtual Village Solitaire. Robert Smith, the reserve for Atlanta, finished third on Orthos with just 0.25

Dealer South

Broome was instrumental in drawing up the rules for the four mals. The three riderhorse combinations with the best results over the four trials — the last is in July — will compete for Britain in the European Showjumping Championships in Germany

standard of the event.

man of the British Show

The others are lucky to see

these people ride, but they

don't learn from them," - a

reference to the overall low

Jumping Association, said.

in August. The selectors will choose the riders for the other two team places. "We may well end up with exactly the same team we've been having." Broome said, but at least they'll have

ing up a bit." Unioriunalely

earned their places - and any other rider who feels they have an appropriate horse will have had the chance to prove it. The sport definitely needed open-

rounds. All three riders were were not specific about the on their second-string horses. nature of the course for the "Cream always rises to the trial other than it should be with Billington, suggests that

selectors, was dismayed to find yesterday that the course. built by Bob Ellis, had no water jump and that the fences were "too small".

The 12 fences proved more than enough to sort out the 31strong field. Six riders failed to clear the first sence. Di Lampard and Abbervail Dream, members of the team for the Nations Cup meeting in Rome next weekend, collect-16.75 faults. William Funnell and Comex, runnersup in the Aarhus World Cup qualifier last October, retired after two refusals at the final

John Whitaker, who is likely to gain one of the two automatic team places with Welham. on which he was runner-up in the Volvo World Cup two weeks ago, finished sixth on Virtual Village Hunters Level. Absolom's win, which fol-

lowed a two-horse jump-off

English gold

The England men's and wom-

en's teams in the European

team championship at Pula,

Croatia, have scored together

what is perhaps the greatest

result by England in any international team tourna-

ment. The men's team won the

gold medals ahead of Russia

and Armenia in silver and

bronze positions while the

women's team have taken

bronze behind Georgia and

Romania. Given that both

English squads outperformed

Russia. this performance

probably outweighs the vari-

ous silver medals England has

captured on earlier occasions

(behind Russia) in chess

INDIVIDUAL SCORES: Men: Nigel

Short 4/7; Michael Adams 5/9; Jon Speelman 4½/8; Matthew Sadler 7/9; Julian Hodgson 2/3. Women: Susan Lalic 4½/8; Harriet Hunt 5/7;

White: Nigel Short (England)

Sicilian Defence

0.0

Black: Alexander Chernin

(Hungary)

Olympiads.

Ruth Sheldon 215/3.

Pula, May 1997

Bc4

Bb3

8 Nb.d4

9 0-0

13 Gd3

14 Red1

Michael Whitaker may now have two contenders for the team. He had been earmark-Ashley, but said: "Absolom's got all the scope and the temperament - and he's improving with each out-He need not have worried. ing." If selected through the new trial system, Whitaker can choose which horse he rides — subject to the selectors'

approval. In the more rarefied atmosphere of the ridden hunters, judged by David Walters and lan Stark, John Dunlop's prolific heavyweight winner Red Hand, ridden by Guy Landau. was awarded the championship with Fourpenny Rock. ridden by David Tatlow. standing reserve. Stark rode more than 100 horses during his judging of the five hunter

RESULTS: Hildon International Tea Treal, 17/musi Village Abcolom (M Whitek-0, 2 Virtual Village Solitaire (15 Billington) Lather jump-off: 3 Onthos (R Smith), 0.2 Rildden, Humter Championiship: 1, J Du noship: 13 A Frasedt S Notifity, Reserve J Watts's Faelov, Novice Hunter Champ-ionship: 1 Mr and Mrs D Tatlow's Cyble Bridge (L Tatlow), Reserve: Felanne Stud's Imponal Imp (D Tatlow)



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

In the Refresher last week I showed how a discard of the suit partner had led could give him valuable information as to the distribution of that suit. Sometimes you have the opportunity to show him the location of the high cards in the suit.

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◆K43

¥65 **♦**K753 S ♣A 10652 ♣QJ7 ∳ÅK2 ₹K 109 +A962 Contract: Three No-trumps by South. Lead: five of clubs South opens One Diamond. North raises to Three Diamonds and South ends the

higher than the five. East's discard of the queen of clubs lets West into this secret. Now when West takes the king of diamonds he will know that he can cash his clubs to defeat the contract by one trick. The other approach is for

East to work out the combinations from which West would lead the five of clubs (presuming it to be fourth best). After taking into account the cards East has already seen, A 10 6 5 (x x) is West's only possible holding. Hence again East sees that he should throw the queen of clubs.

If East discards, say, a heart, there is a danger that West will try to put him in with a spade in order to play a club through declarer's supposed queen.

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

Can you see how he continued?

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Rdc8 18 Qe1 Qe8 Bh8 Nbc4 Nxt3 Ne5 h5 Rc5 Ne2 Rig5 NI2+ Bc6

Black resigns Diagram of final position

5 4 1 3 0 2 1

abcdefgh Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Blajez - Mikulka, correspondence game 1930. Black has sacrificed a pawn to disturb the white king and now powers through with a fine tactical finish.

Solution on page 50



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CRICKET

Edgbaston pitch under scrutiny as wickets fall

BY RICHARD HOBSON

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, require 172 runs to beat

WARWICKSHIRE must compile the highest total of the game to achieve victory today. Despite the events of the first two days, that should not be beyond them, particularly if they aspire to the championship title.
Given the recent reputation

of pitches at Edgbaston, it is not surprising that the regular fall of wickets in this match has prompted comment over the quality of the pitch in use. Sixteen players lost their way in the first two sessions yester day, following the downfall of 14 on Wednesday, so tongues were bound to wag in the tea interval.

From official quarters, how-ever, came nothing of any controversy. The surface is unlikely to be marked highly but nor will it be reported as dangerous by Barrie Meyer and John Harris, the umpires. Mike Smith, the Warwick shire chairman, said: "Good bowlers have bowled well and we have a very interesting game of cricket."

The pitch has offered a little unevenness in bounce at one end, but any rogue deliveries have shot through low rather than spat up towards the throat. There is lateral movement, too, and both sets of bowlers generally have helped their cause by putting the ball in the right spot. All power to them. In contrast, few batsmen have recognised the importance of patience and

In each of the past two seasons. Warwickshire pitchteenth in a table compiled from the marks allocated after each game by the umpires. The club is conscious of the need for alterations and it has tried to take some pace from the square. It also has

employed Ron Allsopp, although the former Nottinghamshire groundsman is not exactly a Red Adair figure. In 1981 he achieved fame notoriety might be a better word - when he prepared the Trent Bridge pitches to suit Clive Rice and Richard

This game, so far, has been far more compelling than



Donald: prowess

would have been the case if batsmen had been able to plunder runs at leisure. It is a true contest between bat and

More than anything it also has demonstrated the extent to which cricket is played in the mind. If a batsman thinks the surface is perilous, he will succumb. Equally, there is nothing like a flurry of wickets to bring out the shark-like trait in any decent bowler. A good night's sleep ought to have removed the demons from within the heads of the Warwickshire batsmen, who continue in pursuit of 248 this

The most surprising feature of play yesterday, given his superb spell on Wednesday. was that Darren Gough claimed just one wicket when Warwickshire resumed their first innings 169 in arrears. With David Lloyd, the England coach, looking on, he conceded 50 runs in eight

The damage was inflicted by Gavin Hamilton, a strong seam bowler, and Richard Stemp. Between them, they claimed five wickets for two runs in a spell of just 20 balls, including that of Trevor Penny, leg-before going back to a ball that scuttled through low for 67, the highest individual score of the game to date. Yet Yorkshire failed to

capitalise sufficiently on their first-innings lead of 93. Donald removed the off-stump of McGrath, to complete a pair for the youngster, and then forced Vaughan to edge to slip during his new-ball spell.

In contrast to Donald, whose prowess is well known, it is all too easy to underestimate the contribution of Dougle Brown. At medium pace, he wobbles the ball around from a tidy line. Byas made light contact as soon as the bowler was introduced and Darren Lehmann, having survived several close shaves. inexplicably pulled a long hop straight to Giles at long leg.

A better ball accounted for White, another to bag his second duck, and after some tidy hitting, including a six over mid-wicket, Parker fell leg-before, attempting to repeat the stroke against the spin of Giles. The later order



Kallis stays calm in the line of fire

By JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (second day of four): Middlesex, with seven secondinnings wickets in hand, are 76 runs ahead of Derbyshire

BEFORE bad light and rain cost the day 53 overs, two things seemed certain. First, that anyone thinking of bringing a picnic lunch to Lord's on Saturday would be better advised to forget it, as play was unlikely to extend that long; second, that the tardy over-rate, with the seam atacks on both sides dominating, would ensure a very late finish indeed to the day's

In the event, the weather solved both problems. It cer-

tainly kept Devon Malcolm at bay which, apart from Jacques Kallis and Mark Ramprakash, more briefly, Middlesex failed singularly to do. Bowling within himself, et hitting the deck hard, Malcolm also moved the ball off the seam.

He dispatched Weekes. Ramprakash and Gatting, the last two with successive halls - it was the second time in the match he stood on the threshold of a hat-trick — while Middlesex made their way to three figures.

Kallis was responsible for nearly half their runs. He is a well-organised, neat player, with a square cover-drive which has class written all

the line of fire. DeFreitas tried needling him, by gesture if not by word, but although the Derbyshire bowler kept at him for ten overs on the trot, Kallis kept cool, treated DeFreitas to more than his fair share of the nine fours he hit during the 67 balls it took him to reach his half-century and remained undefeated to

In the morning, Derbyshire managed to eke out their innings long enough to gain a stender lead of 32 runs after being 23 behind overnight with, nominally, five wickets

In fact, Kim Barnett was unable to bat and much DeFreitas, with six first-class hundreds under his belt and a good record at Lord's behind him, was waiting with his In the event, more was romised than delivered.

Harris played a few pleasing strokes, but was bowled off the bottom of his bat as he tried to withdraw it. Hewitt was the bowler, as he was when Jones cut a short ball and was brilliantcaught in the gully by

Jones had reached a determined half-century in ten minutes over three hours and. apart from a leg-side pick-up which yielded six runs off

looked as though boundaries were the only currency in which DeFreitas was prepared to deal. Then he aimed one drive too many at

Malcolm succumbed with out making anything look easy and enabled Johnson to emerge with the best bowling figures in an innings which saw the Middlesex spinners bowl only three overs for their two wickets.

Then it was back to yet more seam when Derbyshire took the field and Malcolm took the short route to impressing the selectors by dismissing one of them, Gatting,

Tudor provides express relief for Surrey

THE OVAL (second day of four): Surrey, with seven second-innings wickets in Gloucestershire

A COUPLE of weeks ago, Surrey were saved from defeat against Somerset by the rain. They may need another dose of divine intervention to escape a hiding at the Oval.

After finally dismissing Gloucestershire for 371 vesterday. Surrey had to wait two hours before the start of their innings, because of bad light. and then had to endure [8 overs in which Lawrence and Smith exploited some poor

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

THE PARKS (second day of

three): Worcestershire, with

all second-innings wickets in

hand, are 116 runs ahead of

THIS was the sunlit day on a

flat, obliging pitch where the Oxford University batsmen

were destined to bite back at

the jibes that Cambridge are

better equipped in most facets

for the University match at

Lord's, starting on July 2. Mark Wagh, the Dark

Blues' captain contracted to

Warwickshire, made a career-

best 64 from 123 balls. Ox-

ford's highest individual score

this summer as Worcester-

shire, lacking three leading

Oxford University

batting to remove Darren Bicknell, Mark Butcher and Alec Stewart in quick succession.

This is not the way things snould be. Surrey, winners of the Sunday league last year. are supposed to be on the upswing. With their young turk, Adam Hollioake, at the helm, they began the season among the favourites to lift their first championship since 1971 and, while these are early days in the championship, on the evidence of this match, it looks as though their best chance of success lies in the one-day competitions. That does not make Surrey a bad side, just one that may need another year to mature.

bowlers — Stuart Lampitt, Richard Illingworth and Phil-ip Newport — called upon

nine assorted purveyors of

seam and spin. They included

Philip Weston, whose occa-

sional left-arm swing looked

worthy of further exposure,

and Paul Thomas, who took three for one in eight balls.

They had toiled until mid-

afternoon when Thomas, 26

next month but still making

his way in the game, dis-missed Wagh and the left-handed Old Etonian pair.

James Fulton and Charles

Lightfoot. Wagh, who had struck a straight six off left-

arm spinner Mark Rawnsley,

in the over before his dismiss-

al. chipped a sharply rising

ball to short mid-wicket.

Nevertheless, Surrey could Nevertheless, Surrey could relish the performance of Alex Tudor, 19, who, in the absence Yet the signs are good. David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, was present and was of the injured Chris Lewis and lan Salisbury, was always the most likely source of a wicker Bowling with pace and finding some bounce, he ended with career-best figures of six for 101, although he suffered some punishment towards the end, when Smith and Lawrence enjoyed themselves hugely in adding 39 for the last

wicket in the space of six overs. Tudor looked tired and more than a little dejected at the end and his tall, slightly spindly frame may need more time to develop before he takes on the workload of an interna-

Career-best Wagh gives Oxford new heart

Fulton was caught at the wicket off a glove and Light-foot, playing forward, was leg-

before. From 212 for two,

Oxford needed the rebuilding

suitably impressed, while Dave Gilbert, the Surrey coach, believes ludor has th potential to become a fast bowler of express proportions. "In another two or three years, we could have a monster on our hands," he said.

The problem for Gilbert and Surrey is that Tudor - and, for that matter, Ben Hollioake may be called away in August to play for England under-19s against Zimbabwe. A decision is pending from Lord's, but, in the mean time. Surrey are reconsidering their decision not to employ an overseas player this season.

process diligently put together by Peter Morgan, who was dropped by Graeme Hick at

second slip off Thomas before

Oxford had been dismissed

three times for less than 150 in

their opening four games, but

Roger Hudson and Byron Byrne ensured that there was

no repeat performance. Their

first-wicket partnership of 87

was also an alliance forged in

the Birmingham League,

Hudson having played for

Barnt Green and Byrne for

This was their Oxford debut

as an opening pair and a

worthy one, though both have

been regular team members this season. Hudson scored 62

from 150 balls before perish-

he had scored.

Stourbridge.

Chaminda Vaas, of Sri Lanka. looks the favourite to join the

In this match, Surrey have been punished by a Gloucestershire side that has found a unity of purpose and great discipline. On the first day, it was the bowlers who stuck determinedly to their job; yesterday, it was the batsmen, who gave them a virtually impregnable lead of 256.

Hancock made a pleasant 49, but, at the forefront, was Jack Russell, who batted three hours for his 59. It was his third successive championship half-century of the season and, going back to last season. his ninth in his past 11 championship innings.

ing when offering no stroke to a ball cutting back from Gavin

When Byrne top-edged an

intended hook, Haynes sprint-

ed from long leg to deep

backward square and took an

admirable, rumbling catch.

Oxford declared 78 runs be-

hind and Worcestershire add-

ed briskly to their lead, allowing Hick another oppor-

tunity for some batting

Hick began this match with

only 127 runs from eight

innings but scored an unbeat-

en 164 in the Worcestershire

first innings, his 91st first-class

hundred - one that opens the

way for England selection for

the Texaco Trophy one-day

series against Australia.

Croft's slow torture puts Kent in danger of defeat

By Michael Henderson

has taken to international

does not maintain his im-

provement as a cricketer, and

not just as an off spin bowler,

That said, he will bowl with

greater skill for less obvious

it will be a disappointment.

CANTERBURY (second day of four): Glamorgan have a first-innings lead of 125 runs over Kent

THE rain that swept in from the south coast at lunchtime, and kept the players off for the rest of the day, ought not to prevent this match being concluded some time before tomorrow evening. Glamorgan are better placed to win it, after securing a first-innings lead of 125, riches indeed in a

low-scoring game. Teams have recovered from worse positions than the one that Kent find themselves in, but to win, or even to save the game, they will have to bat with more sense than they showed yesterday, when they resumed their innings on 67 for two, and were dismissed 37

overs later for 154. Robert Croft took the first four wickets, and the one that topped it off. In between Darren Thomas collected three cheap ones.

Croft probably feels ten feet tall at the moment. Since he ioined the England team nine months ago, the world has become full of possibilities, and he seems determined to enjoy the ride for as long as it lasts. If proof were needed that figures, by themselves, mean less than people too often think that they do, his story helps to provide it. On paper a bowling average of 38 does not signify Test

leg-before. Wagar did return but, out of curiosity, Matthew Maynard



class, but no match was ever kept Croft on at the Pavilion won on paper. Croft has End, to see what other gifts he always spun the ball, and he might receive. Two overs later he found out as the leftcricket with real zest, which handed Nigel Llong unwisely can be half the battle. If he stretched his front leg with no bat to support it, and was confounded by the ball that Croft was drifting in on the breeze. He was bowling slowly too, which is not such a daft

thing to say about a slow bowler. Plenty don't. reward than he found here. It was as if he said, "stick em Racked by self-doubt, Kent up", and the Kent batsmen lurched towards disaster. did. In the first over of the day, ostensibly to "turn round" Steve Watkin, so that Wagar Graham Cowdrey lifted Watkin for six over the short boundary at third man but Younis could reclaim the then popped a tame catch to silly mid-off. Matthew Flem-Nackington Road End, he persuaded Alan Wells to offer ing, driving for runs down the no stroke to a well-flighted ball ground, gave Croft a low of full length and the batsman, return catch. a study of self-bafflement, was

That was 113 for six, and neither Waqar nor Watkin had found success on a pitch that, the previous day, had offered the quicker bowlers pace, bounce and caprice.

No sooner had Thomas replaced Watkin than Paul Strang obligingly hung out his bat, like a housewife on washing day, and given an easy catch to gully. Dean Cosker took a second catch there as Mark Ealham out loosely, and a third wicket was Thomas's when Marsh was leg-before. Martin McCague smashed Croft for six over cow corner. but the spinner was avenged when another intended his skied instead to extra cover.

Crawley back in the old routine

BY DEREK HODGSON

Thomas: broke through

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): Lancashire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are five runs behind Nottinghamshire

THESE may be hazardous times for Lancashire, but John Crawley is in such good form, on the evidence of two innings here, that he seems capable of taking on Australia alone, thus giving England what Raymond Illingworth would probably regard as a balanced side: Crawley, a wicketkeeper and nine bowlers.

His 51 not out, in a first innings total of 125 on a green surface, was memorable for application. His second knock, 61 unbeaten, starting after Jason Gallian had collected a pair, was decorated with eight handsome fours, mostly straight and to the off side. His cutting was classical, head high, on his toes.

Mike Atherton took heart from his Manchester Grammar junior and, if he was sketchy on one side, he was soon flicking and driving to leg with something like his old panache. The pair have so far added 133 in 48 overs and put the match nicely in the balance for an interesting finish.

Nottinghamshire began with a lead of three on a bright sunny morning, the pitch showing but a shade of green and playing harmlessly. Keen as Lancashire were to bat on it. their first task was to mop up the six remaining wickets. a task that was to take them

until mid-afternoon. Paul Johnson, who can be a dangerous customer in these circumstances, added only another 14, including one of his dramatic pulls through mid-wicket before having his middle stump flattened by a

vorker. That left the unflappable Usman Afzaal and the tail, all of whom took their cue from the 19-year-old senior man, all of whom had to be chiselled out. Afzaal, we discovered, had scored a century for the Nottinghamshire second team on Tuesday.

Wasim Akram, according to the coach, Dav Whatmore, is still feeling his shoulder strain, which partly explains his six wides and seven no balls, his contribtion to the 71 extras in the visitors' total. · He exchanged brief words

with the umpire, Vanburn Holder, as his frustration was eased by the occasional bouncer. Neither Glen Chapple nor Peter Martin had much luck, Mike Watkinson experimented very briefly with off-breaks and, in the end, it was good old reliable lan Austin who hit the

He was helped by one brilliantly anticipated leg-side catch by Warren Hegg that removed Wayne Noon, the same combination capturing Mark Bowen in more straight forward fashion. Afzaal took almost five hours, with three fours, over his unbeaten 70, a significant contribution to a lead of 138.

Lancashire lost Gallian in the third over. Crawley was middling the ball from the start: Atherton, hesitant at first, eased the rust out of his system in the evening sunshine

The pair had to face a sharp and accurate spell from 18-year-old Paul Franks, from Mansfield, who could become a real prospect when he fills out: he straightened up the England captain more than

Azharuddin's backers go on hunger strike

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SUPPORTERS of Mohammad Azharuddin, the former India cricket cantain, are staging a hunger strike and calling on their Prime Minister to intervene to get him reinstated to the national squad, the United News of India said yesterday.

The news agency said 30 people in the western city of Aurangabad had written to Prime Minister Inder Kurnar Guiral and to Sachin

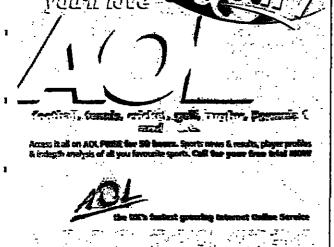
Tendulkar, the present India captain, demanding that Azharuddin be given back his Azharuddin was dropped for the four-nation Indepen-

dence Cup one-day tournament now under way and the supporters have threatened to stage a demonstration tomorrow during the match between India and Sri Lanka in Bombay.

Azharuddin was last embroiled in controversy when he married a Hindu film actress in November 1996 and received death threats from Muslim fundamentalists angered by his marriage outside his faith.

Azharuddin, a divorcee with two children from his previous marriage, was then given special armed protection ustially reserved for VIPs.

Pakistan cricket officials have suspended a two-year ban on Aamir Schail, but fined him 50,000 rupees (about £780). Sohail had been banned after making unsubstantiated match-fixing accusations against team-mates.



CRICKET

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Rose poses a thorny problem for Sussex

By SIMON WILDE

TAUNTON (second day of four): Sussex with all secondinnings wickets in hand, are 162 runs behind Somerser

ENGLISH professional cricketers are often accused of lingering on the stage too long, reluctant to give way to younger, fresher faces, but every now and then a seasoned performer demonstrates that he is not only still worth his place, but is improving with the years.

One such man is Graham Rose, who went to the wicket yesterday with Somerset struggling at 67 for six against Sussex and stroked his way to as majestic an imnings of 191 as one could hope to see. His team took a first-innings lead of 168 and are well-placed to win, possibly today. vin, possibly today.

Rose, 33, who is in his thirteenth season of county cricket, performed a similar salvage operation at North-



Rose: blooming

ampton last week, when he went in at 73 for seven and scored an unbeaten 109.

That time, his partnership of 170 with Michael Burns fell two short of the county's eighth-wicket record. Yesterday, he and Richard Harden. who scored 103, broke the seventh-wicker record with a ? stand of 279, which beat by was substituted by Haynes, one run the partnership of the Sussex coach. In all cricket Shane Lee and Robert Turner against Worcestershire last

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June. Several years ago, after a string of eye-catching one-day performances. Rose's name was linked with England, but the call never came. In those days, his form ebbed and flowed: now, he is more comfortable with life and more reliable as a result. Exactly a year ago, he returned against: Nottinghamshire what proved to be season's best figures of 13 for 88: here, clearly, is a Rose that blooms in May.

This was a terrific day's play. Somerser lost five wickets in the first hour in condi-tions in which they should have done nothing of the sort. Bowler was leg-before to the second ball, propping forward to a straight delivery from Robinson. Trescothick was similarly careless playing across the line. Burns, Parsons and Turner quickly followed, all falling to Jarvis.

The Sussex new-ball pair put the ball in the right spot, but that was the sum of it. Even so, it could have been worse. Harden might have been caught off his second ball and Rose edged close to the slips early on. Yet, through forceful play, they carried the attack back to Sussex, whose bowling is not resourceful enough to withstand that kind of thing for long. They are without three good seamers — Drakes, Kirtley and Lewry —

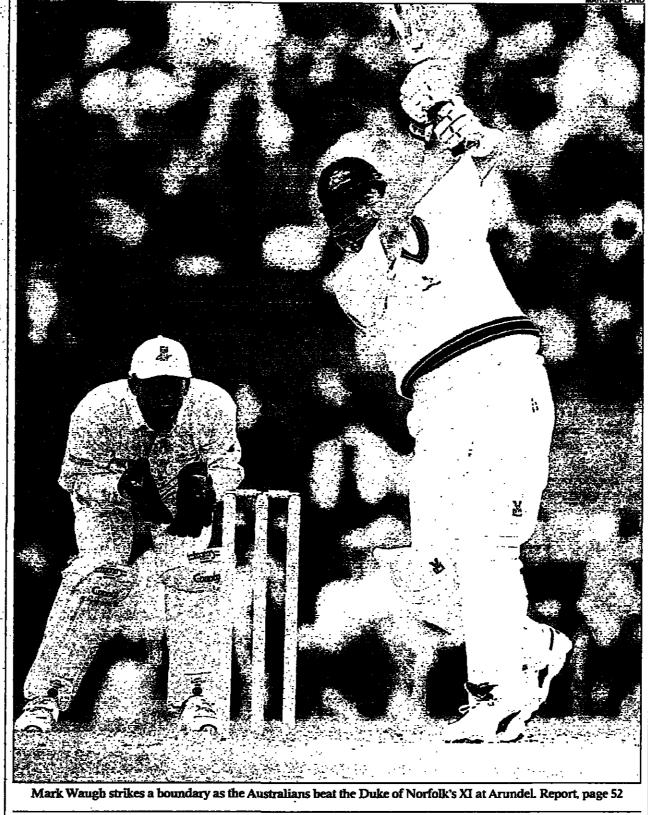
Harden, who is also getting better with every year that he goes beyond 30, led the way with a series of punched, backfoot drives and pulls, but Rose soon took over and Harden was content to play second fiddle. They added 83 in 65 minutes before lunch and a further 158 during the afternoon session, in which Rose moved from 52 to 148, his century arriving in a blaze of six fours in 11 balls.

In all, he struck 28 fours from 251 balls, many forced through the covers off the back foot with rare timing: truly is it possible to say not a man

Only Jarvis looked like separating them, which he eventially did, but not before Harden had edged him through slip to give him his second hundred in two championship innings this season. The snick dislocated the finger of Greenfield, who this season. Harden has vet to be out for fewer than 37.

Rose's previous highest score was 138 and he might have got 200 had he not been instructed to get there in time to give his side a few overs before the close: he was run out looking for a second run to third man.

His other regret must be that, as Somerset's beneficiary, the buckets were sent round for him on Wednesday. Yesterday, the crowd would have emptied their pockets for him.



Batting of Millns proves a boon

By Ivo Tennant

SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four): Leicestershire, with one first-innings wicket in hand, lead Hampshire by 4)

WHETHER giving his all with the new ball, batting as a fast bowler should do or espousing radical political views, David Millns looks the part. His unbeaten century vesterday, the second of his career, enabled the county champions to take a firstinnings lead over Hampshire that had looked quite improbable earlier in the day. There was also another promising innings by Aftab Habib, who

Somehow, Hampshire overlooked Habib. He comes from Reading which, although across the border into Berkshire was Gordon

True, Peter May, who was also from those parts, finished up at the Oval, but then he went to school in Surrey. Habib did the rounds of county second XIs and even ayed first-class cricket for Middlesex. Leicestershire saw potential

Greenidge's home town.

in his game that others did not, as was the case with others in this side. Jack Birkenshaw, their manager, deserves great credit for that. He and James Whitaker expect Habib to improve still further. Yesterday, his partnership of 96 in 27 overs with Millns, who struck the ball with less finesse but with greater vigour, enabled Leicestershire to make something of an innings that, at 157 for seven, hardly suggested

off 44 balls, twice in succession lofting Maru over the As on the first day, there midwicket boundary and also pulling Udal onto the pavilion was plenty of help for the

caught at the wicket.

roof. He looks a thoroughly decent acquisition but then, as Clive Rice liked to say, South Africans who come to play in county cricket always believe in giving of their best. After he went, James removed Smith and Nixon with successive balls, one through a neat leg-side stumping by Aymes, and Leicestershire were

Where Hampshire erred was in dropping Millns when he had only a single to his name. The chance, to White at short leg off James, was a sharp one. After that, the fast bowler - he is not considered an all-rounder in the proper sense - proved to be a judicious judge of which ball to hit, sometimes in the best agricultural manner. He reached his century, off 171 balls with eight fours and a six, in the penultimate over of the day.

Composed **Boon leads** by example despite heavy cold

By PAT GIRSON

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): Durham, with five first-innings wickets in hand. are one run behind Essex

DAVID BOON was feeling under the weather yesterday and so was everyone else when rain held up play for almost four hours, but nothing could alter the impression that Durham are in better health than they have been in six years of championship

Boon, their new captain and inspiration. has obviously made all the difference and it was typical of him that he did not let a heavy cold prevent him from leading her. him from leading by example when they set out to prove that these days they are a match for a side as strong as Essex.

Durham were still 115 runs hehind with seven wickers in hand when they resumed on a seaming pitch of uncertain bounce and they had added only eight when Morris was caught low down at second slip by Gooch off Cowan. Boon, however, showed his

team what was required by playing with all the determination and composure that sustained him through 107 Tests for Australia. Speight responded admirably, curbing his natural attacking instincts in a fifth-wicket partnership of 84 in 33 overs.

It has to be said that Essex did not make the most of the conditions, Ilott, in particular, struggling to find his line. Boon showed what he thought of the bowling by pulling flott disdainfully for four and then dancing down the pitch to hit Such over the top, and one could only assume that his cold had got the better of him when he mistimed a pull off Irani straight to square leg. Boon had been there nearly

three hours for his 45, which included seven fours, and Speight had matched him with 47, containing four fours and a six off llott when the

Fifty-seven overs had been lost when the umpires decided that play could restart on a cold, damp evening, but Cowan, in his wisdom, spared Speight and Foster what could have been an uncomfortable little session by bowling a bouncer which persuaded them that the light was too bad to continue.

☐ It may be a sign of Durham's growing strength that Essex yesterday picked up one of their cast-offs. With Robert Rollins, their first-choice wicketkeeper, suffering from a broken finger and playing only in one-day games at the moment, they have signed Wayne Ritzema, 21. wicketkeeper-batsman from Newcastle, for the rest of the

Bailey's fluent innings raises the tempo

By REPERT COX

FENNER'S (second day of three): Northamptonshire. with seven first-innings wick-ets in hand, are 89 runs behind Cambridge University

IT IS the counties' wont nowadays to use the University fixtures as opportunities to gauge their early season form, or to blood their young players. At Fenner's yesterday. Northamptonshire pe-dantically followed this pattern with an all-too tran-quil stroll in the park. Only their captain. Rob Bailey. lifted the tedium as the rain clouds closed in, with a fluid 88 not out. His colleagues laboured to the extent that their score of 191 for three was achieved at less than three

In mitigation, the students employed a defensive strategy for the most part, often vacating the slips and preferring a crowded inner circle in order to frustrate the batsmen. The relaid wicket, too, produced some indifferent bounce, but lacked sufficient pace.

There was no evidence of the sort of incisive bowling that would trouble a quality player, yet it is an indictment of the Northamptonshire batting that the university innings on the first day was a good deal more enterprising, and the highlight yesterday, Bailey apart, was the enthusiasm still exhibited by Derek Randall, the Cambridge coach, who came on as a substitute.

Both the Northampton shire openers. Montgomerie and Roberts, struggled to build any momentum, after surviving confident leg-before appeals from the bowling of Steffan Jones. Having backed themselves into a corner, they succumbed fecklessly, Roberts driving airily at a wide ball from How and Montgomerie flat-batting Janisch to cover.

It was indicative of the slow nature of the wicket that Sales, an accomplished hitter. struggled to come to terms with its pace, although his application was found wanting in presenting Robin Jones with a return catch.

He was given a salutary lesson as Bailev demonstrat ed laudable patience in familiarising himself with the wicket's vagaries. Although dropped by Parthasarathi. another substitute, off a Robin Jones full toss on 25, his innings proceeded smoothly. embellished by two sixes and eight fours.

With rain truncating play by more than two hours, and Northamptonshire still 89 runs in arrears, it is to be hoped that some urgency will manifest itself today. Otherwise a turgid time awaits.

Britannic Assurance county championship Essex v Durham

CHELMSPORD (second day of four): Durhem, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are one run behind Essex

J J B Lewis c Gooch b D R Law
P D Collegwood c Hyam b Cowen
J J Soeak c Husseln b Cowen
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D C Boon c Grayson b Irani
M J Soeght not out Total (5 wkts, 66.4 overs) J Bouling, S J E Brown, N Kallsen and A Walter to bet

FALL OF WICKETS 1-89, 2-107, 3-107, 4-130, 5-214. BOWLING: Hott 20-7-45-0; Cowan 27 4-13-53-3; trani 17-5-38-1; D R Law 13-1-68-1; Such 9-4-14-0. Bonus points Essex 3 Durham 5 Umpres. A G T Whrehead and K E Palmer

Kent v Glamorgan CANTERBURY (second day of lour): Glamorgan have a tirst-nnings lead of 125 GLAMORGAN: Past trivings 279 (M . McCague 6 lot 75)

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M J Walker of Croft Walken
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A P Wells the b Croft
G R Cowdrey o Maynard b Croft
N J Long low b Croft
M A Eatharn o Coster b Thomas
15
M V Flaming c and b Croft
17
A Strang c Cosker b Thomas
17
A Mai sh low b Thomas
17
J McCague c Thomas b Croft
12
D W Headley not old
4
Erras (b 4, b 9, rb 2)
154 Total (53.4 overs) 154
FAIL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-33, 3-68, 4-78, 5-111, 6-113, 7-126, 8-135, 9-144
BOWLING: Wager Younis 10-3-49-1; Wolfey 14-5-46-1; Thomas 11-4-13-3, Croft

Bonus points: Kent 4 Glamorgan 6 Umpres: J.C. Baiderstone and J.F. Steele. Surrey v Gloucestershire

THE OVAL (second day of lour). Surrey, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 197 nots behind Gloucesters se SURREY: First Innings 115 (S Young 4 for Second Immigs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings A J Wright bir b M P Beknoll N J Tranor c Thorpe b Tudor R J Cuntitle c Stewer b Tudor Total (105.3 overs) 371
FALL OF WACKETS: 1-4, 2-82, 3-128, 4-135, 5-175, 6-214, 7-295, 8-302, 9-332.

5-175, 6-214, 7-256, 6-32, 5-332. BOWLING: M P Bibling 124-6-5-2. Benjamin 23-5-72-0; B C Holloeks 18-6-45-0; Tudor 23-3-2-101-6; A J Holloeks 11-1-57-2. Stankt 1-0-1-0; D J Bibling 12-0-11-0; Ratcliffe 3-0-13-0. Bonus points: Surrey 4 Gloucestershire 8 Umpires: H D Bird and J W Holder.

Somerset v Sussex TAUNTON (second day of four): Susse with all second-innings wickers in hand, a 162 runs behind Somerset SUSSEX: First Innings 241 (Mushrac Annied 6 for 70) Second Innings

†P Moores not out

C.M.? Wileh uor on, Total (no witt) _____6 BOWLING: Caddick 3-0-6-0; Ahmed 2-2-0-SOMERSET: Past finings

G D Rose run out
Musitaq Ahmed c Taylor b Khan
A R Caddick b Khan K J Shme not out Extras (b 7, lb 12, nb 35)

Bonus points: Somerset 8 Sussex 5 Umpires: B Leadbeater and R A White. Middlesex v Derbyshire LORO'S (second day of lour): Middless with seven second-trinings wickets in hend are 76 nars ahead of Derbyshire MEDOLESEIC First Innings 146 (P A DeFroitss 5 for 48, D E Malsolm 5 for 50)

Second innings P N Weekes b Malcolm Total (S wide) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-91, 3-99. BOWLING: Malcolm 10-2-42-3; DeFraits6 10-1-37-0; Hamic 6 4-2-25-0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings DERBYSHATE First kning
A S Roitins of Pooley b Weekes
G A Khan of Brown b Fraser
C J Adams of Brown b Fraser
O M Jones a Kella b Hewitt
V P Clarke liber b Tudnell
G M Roberts of Fraser b Johnson
A J Hemis b Hewitt
K M Kridden not out
P A J Defeates b Johnson

Total (87.4 overs) 178
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-18, 3-23, 4-102, 5-113, 6-137, 7-152, 8-178, 9-178 5-113, 6-137, 7-152, 8-178, 9-178 9-178 - 179 - 179 - 179 - 179 - 179 9-179 - 179 - 179 - 179 - 179 - 179 - 179 9-179 - Boous points: Middlesex 4 Derbyshire 4

Umpires: B Dudieston and G I Burgess. Hampshire v Leicestershire SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four): Legestershire, with one first-mings wicket in trand, are 41 runs ahead of Hampshire HAMPSHIRE: First troungs 285 (K D James 56 not out; A D Mudally 4 for 69)

LEICESTERSHIRE First Innings
R K Plenson e Boviti b Udal
L Maddy c Maru b Udal
J Wels b Maru
J Whitaler fow b Maru
L J Whitaler fow b Maru
E Johnson c Aymes b Udal
F Smith Ibw b James
Habib c White b Boviti
J Militaly b Udal
J Militaly b Udal
T Brimson not out 10 2, 10 2) Total (9 wkts)

Score at 120 overs: 325-9 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-58, 3-6 5-114, 8-157, 7-157, 8-253, 9-274. 80MLING: Utel 48-12-120-4; Renshew 12-5-2-42-0; Bowll 15-0-50-1, Maru 29-13-60-2; Stephenson 8-1-25-0; James 8-2-25-Boinus points: Hampshire & Leicestershire

Umpires: D J Constant and G Sharp Lancashire v Nottinghamshire CLD TRAFFCRD (second day of lour).
Lancachire, with nine second-innings wickete in hand, are five runs behind
Mottingmenshre
LANCASHERE: First Innings. 125 U. P.
Crawley S1 not out, K.P. Evans 6 for 40;

Second Innings JER Gellian e Noon b Evans Total (1 wkt) ... FALL OF WICKET: 1-0.

BOWLING: Evans 13-6-28-1; Franks 15-2 46-0; Bowen 12-4-28-0; Tolley 11-6-28-0. G F Archer low b Wasam

P Johnson b Chapple

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U M Toley c Hogg b Austin

W M Noon c Hegg b Austin

K P Evans c Wasam b Chapple

M N Bowen c Hegg b Austin

P J Franks c Lloyd b Austin

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P J Franks (b 1, to 28, w 28, nb 16)

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Umpres: V A Holder and A A Jones

Warwickshire v Yorkshire EDGBASTON (second day of four): Wanwickshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, require 172 nuns to best Yorkshire YORKSHIRE: First innings 233 (D.S. Lehmann 62, M.P. Vaughan 56; A.F. Giles 4 for 54, A.A. Donald 4 for 55)

for 54, A A Donaid 4 for 55)

Second innings
A McGraih b Donaid
M P Vaughan c Ostler b Donaid
'D Byas c Frost b Brown
D S Lehmann c Glies b Brown
B Parker low b Giles
C White low b Brown
1ft J Bleicey b Glies
D Gough c Moles b Weich
G M Hamilton c Donaid b Glies
C E W Silverwood not out
R D Stemp b Donaid
Extres (b 11. lb 4, nb 2)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-21, 3-38, 4-87, 5-91, 6-127, 7-128, 8-138, 9-149 BOWLING: Donald 13.3-3-33-3; Welch 9 1-25-1; Giles 17-4-45-3; Brown 9-2-36-3

A J Moles in W b Savewood
D L Hamp low b Gough
T L Pennsy low b Stemp
B Brown b Gough
G Welch c McGrath b Hamilton G Weich C Miclerain D Frantison

A F Giles C Biskey b Stemp
†T Frost Bow b Hamilton

A A Donald not out

G C Small c While b Hamilton

Extras (b 2, b 7, w 5)

SOWLING: Gough 17-5-62-4; Silverwood 3-3-28-1, Hamilton 10.5-5-23-3; Stemp

Extras (to 4)<u>.</u>... .<u>.. 4</u> Total (3 wkts) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-61, 3-75. POWLING: Gough 10-4-17-2, Silverwood 7-2-10-0; Hamilton 4-1-9-0; Stemp 7-1-33-1; Vaughan 4-2-3-0. Bonus points: Warwickshire 4 Yorkshire 5

Umplies J H Harris and B J Meyer. University matches Cambridge University v Northamptonshire FENNER'S (second day of three) North-amptonshire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 89 runs behind Cambridge University

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First linnings 280 for 8 dec (W J House 68, R O Jones 80, E T Smith 59; J F Brown 4 for 50) NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings D J Roberts c Balley b How R R Montgomene c sub b Janish A. L. Penberthy not out Extres (b. 5, lb. 12, w. 2, nb. 4)

TERDAY S SOORERCARDS A Forotham, J N Snape, K J Innes. †D Ripley, J G Hughes and J F Brown to bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-65, 3-113. BOWLING: P S Jones 11-0-31-0, How 17-5-41-1, Dawson 11-3-23-0, Janesh 6-2-8-1; R O Jones 17-2-84-1; Hughes 3-2-7-0 Umpires. M J Kitchen and N A Mailender

spinners. One batsman, John-

son, looked to hit them out of

the attack, as Millns did to

such effect later. Others. such

as Pierson, the night-watchman, opted for obdura-

cy. He did so to the extent that,

at one stage in the morning,

and Maru for 37 balls.

not a run was taken off Udal

Maru, now 34, retains the

reflexes that have made him a

high-class close fielder. He

held a one-handed catch to

account for Maddy that any

leg slip would have been

proud to take. This gave Udal

the first of his four wickets, an

achievement spoilt only by the

unedifying way in which he

pointed out the pavilion to

Johnson, having had him

Johnson struck his 38 runs

Oxford University v Worcestershire

THE PARKS (second day of three) Worcestershire, with all second-nnings wickets in hand, are 116 runs shead of Oxford University WORCESTERSHIRE: First Immings 353 for 2 dec (G A Hick 164 not out, W P C Weston 119)

Second Innings BOWLING: Averis 4-0-22-0, Patel 4-1-11-0. Wagh 1-1-0-0; Fulton 1-0-1-0 OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

C Patel c Hick b Sherryar P G Morgan not out †A P Sonni Ibw b Chapman L G Buchanan b Leatherdale J M M Avens not out Extras (lb 10, w 6, nb 8) ...

G J Winght old not bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-67, 2-154, 3-212, 4-212, 5-217, 6-237, 7-261, 8-260 212, 5-27, 5-28, 7-29, 8-29 BOWLING Sheryar 16-4-40-1, Chapman 14.5-3-54-2: Thomas 17-3-43-3 Raynsiay 20.4-55-0, Leatherdale 7-1-15-1; Hct/c 1-26-0; Weston 2-0-8-0, Haynes 8-4-17-1: Solanki 6-2-15-0 Umpres: J H Hampshire and J Lloyds

Total (8 wkts dec)

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B A Young c Numble b Joshi
N J Asile b Singh
M J Home run out
S P Fleming run out
C L Cesms low b Singh
A C Parone run out
O R Parone run out
G R Larsen b Joshi
A L Penn pul out H T Davis not out Extras: (fb 3 w 1 nb 3)

Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 220 FALL OF WICKETS 1-59, 2-109, 3-136, 4-147, 5-154, 6-166, 7-185, 8-209, 9-219 BOWLING: Presed 10-0-40-0; Kumwila 6-1-37-0; Kumble 10-1-30-1, Joshi 10-0-47-2; Tendulkar 7-0-35-0, Singh 7-0-28-2.

SPORTS SERVICE

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SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of lour) Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshere, Hove: Susses v Surrey final day of three) Felling CC: Durham v Hampshire; Maidstone: Kertl v Essex.

FOR THE RECORD S C Ganguly c Parore b Larsen
*S R Tendulkar b Astle
R S Drawd not out
V G Kambi not out
Extras (lb 1, w 13, nb 3) Total (2 wids, 42.3 overs)

A Jadeja. †N P Mongia, P Singh, A Kumble. S B Joshi, B K V Prasad, A Kuruvilla dad not FALL OF WICKETS, 1-169, 2-216. BOMLING, Penn 8.3-0-59-0, Davis 5-0-54-0; Larsen 8-2-26-1, Harris 7-1-26-0, Patel 7-0-30-0; Astie 7-0-25-1 Man of the match SP Tendulka

Jmpires: J Akhtar (Pekislan) and D Orchard (South Africa)
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of lour): Howe: Sussex 253, Surrey 479-2. Maldistone: Kern 318: Essex 27-0 Bingley: Wenwelshire 143; Yorkshire 131-2. North Perrotit: Somerset 263, Lecestershire 82-6 Trent Bridge: North perrotit: Somerset 263, Lecestershire 82-6 Trent Bridge: Northghamshire 314; Derbyshire 27-5-6 Fleetwood: Glamorgan 163, Lancashire 132-6

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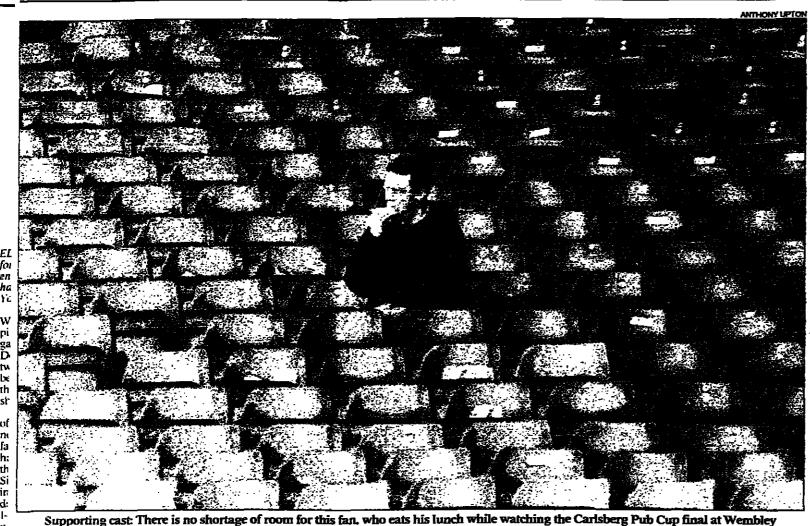
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Seeing the point of a pyramid

ost football dichès sound quite good the first time you hear them. "This is our cup final." I remember the Chesterfield crowds declaring on the day of their momentous semi-final at Old Trafford. And I thought. "Yes, I can see that. You mean. this is your big day, don't you? But ah, your surface fatalism cannot disguise the tremendous pluck beneath!"

But, as the weeks have passed. I have somehow lost my admiration for this chestnut. It transpires that all football managers refer to their semi-finals in these terms. Last weekend, Bryan Robson even said "this is our cup final" about Middlesbrough's crucial league match against Leeds United - an absurdly illogical remark. because (as we all know) he's actually got a cup final, and it's tomorrow.

So how refreshing, last Saturday, to see a proper cup final without any of this nonsense attached. At Wembley, it was - The Carlsberg Pub Cup, nlaved hetween Poulton Victoria and Corby Caledonian.

It was a squally, gritty day; flattened beer cans clattered down the deserted approaches to the stadium, the tiny crowd looked chill, damp and lonely. yet it was a proud occasion for non-non-league football

It was also a cruel disappointment for anyone (like me) expecting beer-bellied, gasping, unt teams called Real Ale Madrid, running about with borrowed shorts at half-

Because these guys meant business. They wore very smart (not to say beautiful) kit Poulton in all canary yellow: Corby in all grassgreen. Their supporters turned out in considerable force (about 4,000) and Poulton won 3-1 after a very exciting second half that included an astonishing goal from a free kick by Stuart Jones, a printer by day with a look of David Beckham.

Long-range goals are his speciality, his team-mates say The gets nose-bleeds in the sixyard box"). Hence his confidence in piercing the Corby wall. If you are familiar with Stan Mortensen's goal from a free kick in the 1953 Blackpool v Bolton FA Cup Final (you can see it in the BBC1 programme The Essential Cup Final tonight) - well, Stuart Jones's goal was just like that.

Is Corby where they make the trouser presses? That's the good thing about football, it encourages geographical speculation. Poulton turns out to be in deenest Mersevside. where the team has won the West Cheshire League this season; thus making their success on Saturday a case of winning the double".

No irony undercuts this phrase, incidentally, because none is appropriate. At their Victoria Park ground, they have already erected floodlights, and are considering the big leap into non-non League don't really understand this), which will entail install-

LYNNE TRUSS

Kicking and

Screaming

ing turnstiles and paying the

players. They could then enter

the FA Carlsberg Vase. They

might even get a sponsor.
I try not to think too hard

about the so-called pyramid of football. The trouble is, it's

becoming increasingly clear to

me that the broad base of the

football ovramid is actually

the same size as the ground

This is a scary thought,

obviously. Beneath the four

visible divisions, organised

football just spreads out far,

wide and vigorously like vol-

canic lava, knocking over tall

Call me paranoid, but look

out, football is seeping under

your front door! One day you

will come home from work

and find a small pets league

has been formed in your living

room! The football pyramid is

buildings in its path.

area of the United Kingdom.

and it's hard work climbing it. For a pub team like Poulton,

to dream of playing on the giddy slopes of the Vauxhall Conference is like me dreaming I'm Demi Moore. Yet they have done brilliantly to win "the double". They have beaten a lot of other people on the way. So, well done Poulton, and well done Corby Caledonian.

Identifying the underdog on Saturday was easy because Corby brought an amazing 3,000 fans, including a local reporter who lowered the tone of the press box by yelling 'Handball!" and jumping out of his seat. This is not the sort of

behaviour you expect in the press box at Wembley, where the press is inscrutable, incorruptible and engrossed in masticating a big cheese roll supplied by the management. Anyway, with all this Corby support, naturally my sympathies swung to the other side although Corby's goal-scorer. Joey Martin, was outstanding, and I must admit I have nothing against the trouser-

press, per se. I just hope someone was videoing the game for the lads to watch at home afterwards. In the first half on Saturday, the chance of a good game seemed to elude both teams altogether, and Poulton's plausible manager, Alvin McDonald, had to remind his boys not to waste the occasion.

And so, in the space of ten minutes in the second half, they scored three goals - one from Dave ("One Chance") Galloway, the second from Stuart ("Mortensen") Jones, and the third from Simon ("No nickname") Lewis. And suddenly it was all over. They walked, grinning, up the fam-ous steps to collect their trophy. Their wives took snaps.

And it was magic. Magic. All of which certainly puts Bryan Robson's problems in perspective. As Hamlet says, how all occasions do inform against you, Bryan. There is this enormous pyramid, you see; and right at the very top there's a team with a 50-50 chance of winning the FA Cup, but they are smarting from their regrettable slide down to - ooh, 21st place, a full inch from the summit of a pyramid

Not that it's not tragic in its way. When Middlesbrough failed to beat Leeds on Sunday, I was grief-stricken. I sat on the floor like Juninho, with my head in my hands, and wrestled with the question Why?"

the size of a country.

I just hope last Sunday wasn't Middlesbrough's cup final, literally, because I'm going to the real one tomorrow, and I'm rather banking on them turning up. Meanwhile. I keep remembering with a shudder how horribly keen Leeds were to be the agents of Middlesbrough's relegation. Surely they didn't need to try quite so hard?

To an outsider, it looked like stamping on the fingers of someone hanging off a cliff. They didn't think it was their cup final, for heaven's sake?

The horror holiday show

TELEVISION CHOICE

BBC1, 7.00pm

The consumer magazine has only been going three weeks but already the flak is flying. The focus of criticism is one of its regular spots, the holiday rescue, in which families are brought home from allegedly dreadful hotels in faraway places to confront the tour operator in the studio. Undoubtedly it makes good television but the programme has been accused of selective evidence, giving insufficient chance of reply and, by inviting a phone poll on whether the holidaymakers should get their money back, turning a serious investigation into a game show. Judge for yourselves as the rescue team springs into action once more. The other items are about the high cost of football tickets and how privatisation has put an of football tickets and how privarisation has put an end to holiday trips by rail.

Great Railway Journeys BBC2, 7,10pm

Alexei Sayle is our man on the train in a repeat. Alexei Sayle is our man on the train in a repeat-though a welcome one, of a programme first seen last autumn. His intinerary takes him from Aleppo in Syria to Jordan and finishes on the Gulf of Aqaba. The surprise, perhaps is that a Western Jew should a declare an affinity for the Arab world, though this does not stop him being rude about the quality of its railways. Lawrence of Arabia, whose contribution to the Middle East railway network was to blow part of it up, provides Sayle with a was to blow part of it up, provides Sayle with a fertile source of gags, though he can squeeze his brand of droll humour from most things. This even includes the desperate state of Arab-Israeli politics. Only in the magnificent sandstone scenery of Petra are the jokes suspended, to give way, if only temporarily, to unleigned awe.

BBC2, 3.00pm

Sir Anthony Hopkins puts on his best actorly voice to narrate a six-part documentary about the highest peak in England and Wales and the National Park in which it is set. The first programme comes near to being a health warning. Snowdon may look benign but it claims six lives each year and needs to be treated with respect. Which means not trying to shin up it wearing

Sir Stanley Matthews (BBCl, times vary)

plimsoils, and definitely not in the snow. But even a properly-shod climber says he has never been so scared. The mountain railway may seem a safer bet, but even that looks as if it could be blown over in a gust of wind. Perhaps the film is a plot by the National Park people to keep down the visitors, half a million a year and responsible for causing serious crossion. The trouble is, Szowdon is far too grand to ignore.

The Essential FA Cup Final BBC1, 10.00pm

The BBC's football pundits Gary Lineker and Alan Hansen present a clips-and-interviews history of a fixture that goes back 125 years and is still among the game's biggest occasions. The research has been prodigious. We hear from two cye-winnesses of the first Weinbley final, in 1923, when the crowd spilled on to the pitch. From Scotland, George Mutch receils his winning penalty for Preston North End in 1938. That was the first final to be relevised, though there is arrive firm some back televised, though there is arrive film going back almost to the beginning of the century. Great matches include Stanley Manhews and Blackpool winning the cup in Coronation year. It is sad that the economics of football mean that clubs such as Preston and Blackpool may not make the final again. But who would have guessed that Wimbledon would win the cup, or that Middlesbrough would get to Wembley at last?

The Last Straw Radio 3, 8.50pm

The worlds of media and entertainment are awash these days with people convinced that all is going to rack and ruin in pursuit of the great god, money. Beatles music at the Proms, the alleged "dumbing down" of the BBC, these and countless other shards of evidence are cited as proof that populism has engulied us. But this short story is a salutory reminder that 'twas ever thus. Graeme File's entertaining and informative piece of fiction is based on the situation faced by Franz Schubert in 1828. His music was receiving muted interest, especially when compared with Vienna's latest theatrical hit — a troupe of dancing camels. Can Schubert's friend, Michael Vogl, persuade the great man to become more, well, populist?

7.00ton Mark Raddiffe 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Micky Campbell 4.00 Kevin Greaning 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Pete Tong — Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle. Two hours of dum'n bass 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show with Tim

RADIO 2

m Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Struce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debie Thrower 3.00 Alex Lesfar 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night. Live from the Com Exchange in Newbury 8,15 Last Orders (6/8) 9.30 Brass Showcase 10.00 Sharidan Morley

RADIO 5 LIVE

The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Alan Robb Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.20 Friday Sport. Includes commentary on tonight's Super League clash between St Helens and and the London Broncos. Plus a look ahead to tomorrow's FA Cup Final 10.00 Paper Talk with Brien Alexander and Jay Rayner 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lonaine Kelly 2.00pan Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivetime, with Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00am lan Collins

Radio 4, 10.02m (FM only)

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A Dance Called America

This new series poses something of a dilemma for the people who complain about there being too many American documentaries on Radio 4. On this occasion critics should get beyond the title before picking up their pens for A Dance Called America is about Scottish emigration across the Atlantic, which is guaranteed to assuage the concerns of that well known Scot, James Boyle, the Controller of Radio 4. The title comes from some remarks by Dr Johnson, who found the Highlands alive with people longing to emigrate in the 1770s: "We-performed, with much activity, a dance which ... they call America. It seems intended to show how emigration catches, till a whole

WORLD SERVICE

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6.08em Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clerk 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Mark Forcest 2.00aca Howard Pearce

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Hardy determined to enjoy unexpected Trophy chance

By Walter Gammie

TED HARDY, the Dagenham and Redbridge manager, can be forgiven for pinching himself when he leads the Isis League team out at Wemblev against Woking in the FA Umbro Trophy final on

Hardy, 68, had thought that his footballing days were over when the club he had managed three times when it was playing at Dagenham came knocking on his door towards the end of last season. The seven matches left were not enough to save their place in the Vauxhall Conference, but his work in rebuilding the club has been rewarded with the first Trophy final appearance by a side from outside the

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WHOPSTRAW

whonstraws? will he say."

Conference since Leek Town lost to Barrow in 1990. Having also retired from his job at Borough fruit and vegetable market last year, Hardy, as a part-time manager, found himself putting in as many hours as in any season during a 32-year career in which he also managed Enfield three times. Bishop's Stortford, Levtonstone and

Hendon. Add an FA Cup run earlier in the season and Hardy calculates that his men have played 20 cup matches. "In the last three weeks of the season, it was football, football, football and more football," he said. "We had nine matches in the final 13 days. We had to

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(c) A genus of fresh-water organisms having a spherical form and provided with cilia which enable them to roll over in the water, an individual of this genus. A modern coinage from the Latin volvere to roll. "It would now seem that the celestial spaces have also their volvoxes and diatoms."

(b) A girl, young woman or maiden. The Italian word. John Evelyn's Diary. 1700: "We saw the Pope and Cardinals ride in pomp to the Minerva, when he gives portions to 500 zitelle."

(c) A dark, violet blue mineral, resembling glancophane Named for the viola. "Violan: a silicate of aluminium, calcium

magnesium, and sodism. It occurs massive, and in indistinct elongated, granular concretions."

(c) A country bumpkin. Dialect for "to make straw up into bundles". John Clare. The Village Minstrel, 1821: "A bumptious

serjeant struts before his men./ And 'clear the road, young

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use a lot of young players in the reserves and they respond-ed magnificently. We climbed to finish fourth in the league." Hardy's record at Wembley includes taking Bishop's Stortford to triumph in the last

Amateur Cup final, but two defeats with Dagenham. However, Dennis Moore, his assistant, whom Hardy brought back to the club that he served loyally as a player, is captured planting a kiss on the Trophy after Dagenham's win over Mossley in 1980 in a photograph in the bar at Victoria Road.

Having grafted fresh young talent on to a squad founded on the rock-like Glyn Creaser, the player-coach — the only player with Wembley experience, from his days at Wycombe Wanderers - Hardy knows that the advantage lies with a Woking squad that lifted the Trophy in 1994 and 1995. "I'm a great believer in making sure that my players do what they can do and get the most out of the day rather than starting to worry about Woking," he said.

Moore confirmed that Hardy "is not the best loser I've ever seen", but nor would victory have him "jumping up and down". "You'd find Ted with his pint of lager shandy and a grin that would be four-foot wide," he said. As for retirement, Moore

suggested: Ted's no pipe and slippers man. It's difficult to imagine him without his football." According to Hardy: "It's not age that matters, it's whether you still enjoy it." On that score, there can be no Berkeley

5.00 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson visits Tyrol to learn about traditional dances

5.15 In Tume. Live from the Brighton Festival. Natalie Wheen talks to some of the artists who are performing at the festival

8.00 Brighton Festival. Piers Burton-Page Introduces a five concert from the Dome celebrating this year's Schubert and Brahms anniversaries. Jean Higby, mezzo, Leonidas Kavakos, wolin, Robert Cohan, celb, Brighton Festival Chorus, BBC Philharmonic, under Matthias Barnert. Brahms (Nanie; Double Concerto in A minor) 8.50 The Last Straw, See Choice 9.10 Concert, pert two. Schubert (Incidental music, Rosamunde)

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes Brahms (Cello Sonata in F. Op 99 No 2); Poutenc (Gloria); Shostakovich (Pretuce and Fugue, Op 87 No 24); Rigati (Diot Dominus); Britten (Soises Musicales); Ractmaninov (Piano Concerto No 4 in

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore, includes Dukas (La Peri); Telemann (Concerto in G for Four

Dukas (La Pert): Telemann (Concerto in G for Four Violins): Berwald (Symphony No 4 in E flat, Sintonie Naive)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Fiona Talkington. Includes Bartok (Sonatine on Peasant Themes from Transylvania): Saint-Saäns (Morceau de Concert): Haytin (Symphony No 102 in B flet); Franck (Allegratio Quasi Marcia; Offeriorie in B); Willebrand (Like the Glow of Evening): Stewart Copeland (Gene Pool): Strauss (Hom Concerto No 1): Trad (Adamosi Csardas es Scolo)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Leharr, Rodney Milnes concludes his exploration of the life and music of the laading composer of 20th-century Viennese operetta

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1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchtime Concert, with pianist Gordon Fergus-Thompson. Debussy (Estampes; Hommage à Haydn); Ravel (Menuet sur le Nom d'Haydn; Une Barque sur l'Ocean, Miroirs; Gaspard de la Nuit)

2.00 Private Passions. Michael Berlesey talks to the cultural writer and former director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, Sir Roy Strong ()

3.00 Mining the Archive. Flora Talkington talks to the trumpeter Philip Jones and reviews the large variety of recordings he has made for the BBC, both as a soloist and as part of the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble. Includes music by Monteverdi, Gabriefi, Bach, Saint-Saëns, Britten and Michael

Last Straw. See Choice 9:10 Concert, part two. Schubert (Incidental music. Rosamunde)

10:20 Conversation with Charles Rosen. In the last of five conversations, Ivan Hewell talks to the planist about why the romantic composer's interest in landscape, madness and memory revolutionised the sound of music

10:40 Hear and Now. Andrew Sparting introduces a concert given on Tuesday at \$1 John's, Smith Square, London, celebrating Lontano's 21st year on the new-music scene. Conductor Odeline de la Martinez. Stefan Wolpe (Piecs for Trumpet and Seven Instruments). Elliott Carter (Triple Duo); Varese (Density 21.5); Berrard Benoliet (Scanerges) am Everything but the Crazyhouse, Rust

12.19am Everyoning out the Crazymouse, resser
Device concludes his six-part series tracing the
career of the sacophonist Sidney Bedhet. Bechet
spent the last part of his life living peacefully in
Parts where he won the acclaim and love of the
French public (r)

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod.
Includes 1.00 Bach Cantalas from Amsterdam

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Thought for the Day 9.00 News 2.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley talks to the sculptor David Wynne (r) 9.45 The Truth is Our Carrency. The first of four programmes about television news presented by the former BBC correspondent Martin Bell. He asks whether it is correct to cersor scenes of bloostetad and violence in order not burset.

10.00 News; A Dance Called America. See Choice 10.30 Woman's Hour, with Mairi Nicolson, includes the serial Close Relations read by Jan Francis (10/12) 11.30 The Natural History Programme. Presented by Jacons Program Joanna Pinnock

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4.45 Short Story: One Green Bottle. The story of a young lootball star who gets into serious trouble off the pitch. Written and read by Brian Glanville
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.30 Growing Spaces. Edi Stark looks at the French

equivalent of the Chelses Flower Show and The Times gardener, Stephen Anderton, checks the progress of the restoration of the 19th-century

Times gardener, Stephen Anderton, checks the progress of the restoration of the 19th-century gardens at Writey Court, near Worcester

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week, Chris Seria presents his selection of extracts from BBC radio and television

8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Coleraine, Northern tretand. With John Hume, leader of the SDLP, John Taylor of the UUP and Professor Ben Pirnlott

8.50 The Front. In the lest programme in the series about people and pretence, Sara Pariser looks at what happens when pretence gets out of control 9.15 Letter from America. Another side of file Stateside served up by Alistair Cooke.

9.30 Kateldoscope Feature. Paul Alien talks to the television charmatist Alan Bleasdele about his new Channel 4 serial Melissa, a homege to Francia Durbridge's original 1960s script

10.00 The World Tenight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Grass is Singing, by Doris Lessing. Read by Janet Suzmen (5/10) (r)

11.00 Week Ending. A comicel look at the week's events with Satly Grace and the team

11.25 Fourth Column. A special programme to mark the 150th edition of the show that puts the world to rights. With Simon Hoggant, Alexei Sayle, Alistair Beation and Times columnists John Clarrond and Alan Coren

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abridged by Rosemary Goring. Read by Patricia
Hodge (10/10) (r)

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Four-part series on lies? You're kidding me

REVIEW

then he will go on collecting no. United football club into believing doubt vulgar amounts of money for presenting a surprisingly dura-ble news quiz, the odd vone over or 12 and thin little offerings such as The Lying Game (BBGh).

It was the sort of programme, that made you check that rester-day hadn't been declared a Bank. Holiday without your noticing.
Even scarier was the discovery that this ill-constructed trafe was the beginning of a four-part series.
I'm holding on to the distant hope that this might be a lie, too.

Don't get me wrong, there were one or two nice moments. I liked the man who bluffed his way on to the Kilray programme by pretending to be a reformed loanshark turned born-again Christian. Or rather I liked the story about the man who bluffed his way ... By hope Tom Cru the time he'd told us how he did it the right one.

ne day the Angus Deayton again by pretending to be a bubble will burst. But not, burglar-torturing homeowner, I fear, in my lifetime Until how he had conned Cambridge how he had conned Cambridge a wealthy pop star was about to take them over and how he filled the odd spare moment by claiming to win lottery jackpots, I had definitely wearied of him. That, however, set the pattern for the programme: every contribution had been stretched and stretched again to fill the allotted 35 minutes.

Deayton popped up in person for one or two contributions and was conspicuous by his absence from others, among them the one genuinely surreal contribution: the travel agent who pretended to be Stanley Kubrick. He'd got away with it for three years, helped by the fact that nobody - including the doorman at the members-only Groucho Club in London - knows what Kubrick looks like. Let's just hope Tom Cruise is working with

tedious story from America, about a smooth-talking, much married gentleman who went by the name of Guly de Montfort but was actually Graham Lever from Dartford. I managed to stifle my excitement, just as I confidently expect to stille any urge to watch part two.

y contrast, last night's Dis-B patches (Channel 4) was outstanding: energetic, well argued and agenda setting, everything that investigative journalism is supposed to be but rarely is. The fact that the subject was the much-trawled Gulf War syndrome made the achievement of Ed Braman, the producer, and Deborah Davies, the reporter, all the greater. Aware that the subject has become off-puttingly complex to many, Braman and Davies kept it

as simple as they could without

damaging the solid-sounding foundations of their case. Allied

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troops, they reported, had been exposed to chemical weapons in the Gulf - twice. Once when an Iraqi air-blast missile exploded over a camp at al-Jubayl and again when bombing of Iraqi chemical plants released a cloud of low-level chemical fall-out which was then blown back over Allied positions. It was the quality of the evidence

assembled that was so compelling, some of it anecdotal, some of it

officially confirmed and parts that seemed straightforward common sense. If 33 chemical detectors of three different types all go off at once, the chances surely are it is because they have been exposed to a chemical agent and not to a sonic boom or fuel vapour, as the Ministry of Defence maintained. They've been lying through their teeth," said one bitter veteran. Sadly, neither Angus Deayton or Sir Nicholas Soames were around to confirm that.

On the rare occasions that a sweeping statement crept into Davies's script, it was quickly backed up with supporting evidence. So, no sooner had she described the Czech Army as "world experts in chemical warfare" than she was off talking toxins at the Vyskov Military College. Their detection equipment may look a little oldfashioned, admitted a professor, but it was accurate and more important, its well-trained operators believed the readings it gave. The British and Americans, however, did not. When a Czech reconnaissance party repeatedly detected low-level amounts of sarin gas in the atmosphere, the reports were

The only real weakness 1 could see in this otherwise pretty convincing argument was why - if chemical weapons had been used - were the British and Americans so reluctant to admit it? Would it really be such a blow to deterrence for Saddam Hussein to know that he had exploded one chemical bomb without paying "the terrible price" that President Bush had promised? Would such an admission really tarnish what some Americans see as their greatest military triumph since the Secund World War? I don't know - but I do know that I'd begun the film with one set of preconceptions and come out pos-

sibly not knowing the whole truth but certainly knowing that one day I would like to. A first-class bit of documentary-making.

Not quite in the same class, but certainly good enough in its own way, was 3D (ITV), another of the programmes - as I mentioned earlier in the week - capitalising on the renewed interest in regional news stories. I was interested in the story about overcrowding on Merseyside trains being caused by stock-piling surplus coaches on MoD hases; moved by the terrible brain injuries sustained by Scottish athlete Cameron Sharp, but struck particularly by the fact that all three film-makers (the third item was on the use of psychological profilers to catch burglars in Cleveland) had managed to get more into their allotted seven minutes than Deayton had into more than half an hour. It all goes to show what you can do, when you try, and when you don't.

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (57061) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (72055) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3031264)

9.20 Style Challenge (6402581) 9.45 Kilroy (7837429) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (36451) 11.00 News (T) and Weather (7671974) 11.05 The Great Escape (7038974)

11.35 Change That (7595608). 12.00 News (T) and Weather (8208245) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (8948351) 12.35 Going for a Song (9387351)

1.00 News (T) and weather (75142) 1.30 Regional News (86621264) 1.40 The Weather Show (99890351) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (40710993) 2.10 Quincy (r) (6486055)

2.55 Through the Keyhole (8225448) 3.20 Skepper on Style Catrina Skepper learns how to recreate the Mediterrariean look (6369719)

3.30 Mouse and Mole (7:166968) 3.35 Playdays (8170790) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (6528784) 4.10 Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (4055603) 4.35 Clarissa Explains it All (1290719) 5:00 Newsround (T) (4441351) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (6227177)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (956245) 👉 6.00 News (T) and weather (871) 6.30 Regional News (351)

Weekend Watchdog The cost of tickets for soccer matches; the effects of rail privatisation on train trips (T) (6158) 7.30 Top of the Pops (1) (535)

8.00 X Cars Camera's tollow Manchester Police's Tactical Vehicle Crime Unit, working undercover to catch the city's ramraiders, thieves and other car criminals (r) (5806)

8.30 A Question of Sport David Coleman with regulars Ally McColst and John Parrott (1413)

Parrott (1413)
9.00 News (T) and weather (6993)
9.30 Men Behaving Badly An unexpected

threatens Gary's attempts to seduce one of Torny's three girthends (r) (1) (48239)
10.00 The Essential FA Cup Final
Gary Lineker and Alen Hanson the most occular events in the world's sporting calendar (1) (705239)

11.40 The Dirty Dozen: The Fatal Mission (1988) Telly Savalas heads a new group of Second World War missis as they board the Orient Express to thwart Hitler plans for a Fourth Reich in the Middle East; but they reckon without a traitor in their midst. Directed by Lee H. Katzin. (898790) - WALES: 11.40 The Gert Escape (898790) 12.10am. FiLM: The Dirty Dozen (6073630) 1.49 FiLM: The Monster Club (610727) 3.15 News

1.10am The Monster Club (1980) Vincent Price as a vampire who introduces a trilogy of creepy teles to his horror-writer victim at a disco frequented by ghouls With John Carradine, Donald Pleasence by Roy Ward Baker (573562) 2.45 Weather (1819367)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Alaska - the nam Open University: Alaska — the Last Frontier? (8307719) 6-25 The Origins of State Social Work (8213326) 6-50 Health Visiting, and the Family (8704239) 7-15 News (1) (3769429) 7-30 Teenage Mutant Hero. Turties (8801581) 7-55 50/50 (r) (1908239) 8-20 Adventures of the Garden Fairles (3900210) 8-25 Tales of the Tools Feekes (8927770) 8-25 Tales of the Tooth Fairles (6287790) 8.35 The Record (3092413) 9.00 The French Experience (3942326) 9.15 The French Collection (827603) 9.45 Watch [7339871] 10.00 Telefubbles (32993) 10.30 Watch Out (6692719) 10.45 Pethways of Belief (6680974) 11.00 Look

and Read Special (6545429) 11.20 Belief and Head Special (6545429) 11.20 Belief File (5227516) 11.40 Mathsphere (4221887) 12.00 English File (93603) 12.30pm Working Lunch (20245) 1.00 Job Bank (43926992) 1.10 Job Bank (85648332) 1.20 Developing World (70450448) 1.45 Words and Fictures (86535413) 2.00 Adventures of the Garden Fairles (30993516) 2.05 Tales of the Tooth Fairies (30992887) 2.10 A-Z of Food (10554264) 2.25 Racing from Newbury (1972887) 3.55 News (T) (5442719) 4.00 Blockbusters (5356968) 4.25 Rearly, Steady, Cook (5359055) 4.55 Esther: Why Marry? (1247581) 5.30 Today's the Day (500)

6.00 The Simpsons (r) (F) (597531) 6.20 Star Trek (r) (T) (622968)

Great Railway Journeys: Aleppo to Aqaba Alexel Sayle travels along the hazardous Hejaz



Park warden Sam Roberts (8.00pm)

Visions of Snowdonia: The Main Attraction Nameted by Sir Anthony Hopkins (3448) 8.30 Gardeners' World A suburban backyard becomes a miniature Japanese garden

9.00 The Fast Show Quick-fire sketch show (r) (T) (4535)

9,30 Sunmyside Farm: The Madness Things start to look up for Ray when Wendy asks him to provide his own brand of psycho-therapy. With Phil Daniels and Beth Goddard (T) (37581)

10,00 Have I Got News for You Greg Dyke and Jack Docherty join Angus Deayton lan Histop and Paul Merton (94332) 10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow (T)

11.15 Space: Above and Beyond (173210) 12.00 This Life (r) (4628949) 12.45 are Spirit (1988) with Paul Rhys, Russel Invin and Brian Gwaspari. A young athlete inds solace and escape from his violent

steptather in running and in the poems and letters, written by an Italian PoW in the Second World War, he finds while renovating an old house. Directed by Jonathan Ripley (839388) 2.40-2.45 Weather (1818678) .

HTV.

6.00am GMTV (4684622) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (6410500) 9.55 Regional News (3918535) 10.00 The Time, the Place (36719) 10.30 This Morning (62837806) 12.20pm Regional News (8204429)

12.30 News (T) and weather (9380448) 12.55 Our House (r) (9292233) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (70446245) 1.50 Murder. She Wrote (r) (8657239) 2.49 Crimestoppers (8537968) 2.50 Garden Calendar (T

3.20 News (6363535) 3.25 Regional News

3.30 Rosie and Jim (6616993) 3.40 Slim Pig (7164500) 3.50 Cartoon Time (7160784) 4.00 The Treacle People (T) (7451142) 4.15 Where's Wally? (r) (T) (4976142) 4.40 Crazy Cottage (T) (9458535) 5.10 A Country Practice (7936061)

5.40 News (T) and weather (122351) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (973448) 6.25 HTV Weather (859429) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (719) 7.00 Lucky Numbers presented by Shane

Richie (1) (8326) 7.30 Coronation Street Kevin resorts to lying, while Vera is thrilled when she gets some good news (603)

8.00 The Bill Datta and Boyden uncover a sinister secret in a scrap yard (T) (1734) 8.30 See You Friday Greg drives down from Newcastle to pay a surprise night-time visit on Lucy (T) (6581)



9.00 The Grand Monica revels in her new litestyle, while Kate's worries grow Elsewhere in the hotel, Mr Collins and Mrs Harvey decide to let their hair down a bit. With Jane Danson, Tim Healy and Rebecca Callard (T) (8603)

10.00 News at Ten (1) and weather (98158) 10.30 The West Tonight Update (487993) 10.40 Sounds of the West: Drum 'n' Bass A sox-part series exploring the region's young musical talent. Tonight, focusing on the two man jungle crews, Ruffneck Ting and Full Cycle (588448)

11.15 The Tomb of Ligeia (1964) with Vincent Price, Elizabeth Shepherd and John Westbrook, A Victorian widower, is convinced is deceased first wife has possessed his new wife. The last of Roger Corman's Edgar Allen Poe tales

12.40am Bonkers (T) (4172340) 1,40 Club Nation (T) (6070456) 2.40 The Beautiful End of This World (1983) Ecological drama with Robert Alzom, Claire Oberman and Gotz George

Directed by Rainer Erier (313307) 4.25 Sound Bites (63371104) 4.35 Movie Club (r) (72824253) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (51712) 5.30 News (36388)

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As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9292239) 2.50-3.20 Secrets from the Secret Garden (2600177)

3.50-4.00 Cartoon Time (7160784) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7936061) 6.25-7.00 Central News (231245) 10.40 Film: Look Who's Talking (63571622) 12.25am Sound Bites (9279475)

12.40 In Bed with McDinner (9536949) 2.10 Baywatch (6693307) 3.00 Cyber Cafe (49203272)

3.25 Hefter Sketter (1687253) 4.15 Central Jobfinder '97 (9891253) 5.20 Asian Eye (8937543)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.55pm Home and Away (9292239) 1.25 Wish You Were Here? (22101871) 1.55 Blue Heelers (8738158) 2.50-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (2600177) 3.50-4.00 Cartoon Time (7160784) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7936061)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (25790) 10.30 Westcountry News (478245) 10.45 Film: Twilight Zone: The Movie (69918577)

MERIDIAN As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9292239) 1.55 Michael Barry's Undiscovered Cooks 2.25-3.20 Murder, She Wrote (7158581)

3.50-4.00 Disney Cartoon (7160784) 5.10 Home and Away (7936061) 6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (25790) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (478245) 10.45 Highlander (785264)

11.40 Wiseauv (539852) 5.00am Freescreen (51712)

ANGLIA As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9292239) 1.55 Murder, She Wrote (8738158) 2.50-3.20 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China (2600177)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7936061) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (231245) 10.40 Film: Klute (55392326)

S4C Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (77871: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (61993) 9.00 Bewitched (87165) 9.30 Yagolion (632535) 12.00 Australia Wild (15871) 12.30pm Ricki Lake

Slot Synladau Sali (32671005) 1.30 Ali Baba (86532326) 1.45 Film: The Enemy Below (34253210) 3.30 Moving People (697) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (332) 4.30 Health Alert (516) 5.00 5 Pump (2332) 5.30 Countdown (968) 6.00 Newyddion (597177) 6.05 Heno (883326) 6.35 Sion a Sian (866719) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (998697) 7.25 Cefn Gwlad (263784) 8.00 Olion Ddoe (8516) 8.30 Newyddion (5121) 9.00 To the Ends of the Earth: Interview with a Zomble (6245) 10.00 Brookside (16500) 10.30 Phil Kay Feels (580806) 11.05 Eurotrash (847351) 11.35 TFI Friday (634351) 12,35am Robin (9624543) 12.40 Film: The Fly (373307) 2,25 Film: Return of the Fly (3098253) 3.50 Strays (19456765) 4.20 Film: Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet

PARTIE OF ACTUAL **6.00am Sesame Street** (r) (77871) **7.00** The Big Breaklast (61993) **9.00** Bewitched (r)

9.30 Schools: Eureka 9.45 Stop Look Listen 10.00 Fourways Farm 10.10 Scotscapes 10.25 Technology Prog 10.40 Off Limits 11.05 The Score 11.20 Stage One 11.35 Schools at Work 11.40 GNVQ — Is it For You? (632535)

12.00 Garden Party (r) (T) (15871) 12.30pm Light Lunch Cookery, chat (25429)

1.30 The Vixen and the Hare (86532326) 1.45 Phone Call from a Stranger (1952, b/w) with Garry Merrili, Shelley Winters and Michael Rennie. An airplane passenger sets out to visit the tamilies of three people who died in a crash Directed by

Jean Negulesco (34253210) 3.30 Moving People (r) (T) (697) 4.00 Fitteen-to-One (T) (332) 4.30 Countdown (T) (516) 5.00 Rickl Lake (T) (2332) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (968)

6.00 TFI Friday Music, chat and selfregarding comedy The guests include the tootballer John Barnes (23332)

7.00 News and Weather (T) (735806)

7.50 Rhyme and Reason (T) (760516) 8.00 Garden Party Tom Barber, Carol Klein and Paul Sturgess travel to Shropshire to offer horticultural advice (T) (8516)



8.30 Brookside Mick and Elaine tace disaster at the pizza parlour With Louis Emerick and Beverly Hills (T) (5121) 9.00 Caroline in the City Caroline agrees to

go out with Del again, on one condition. Last in series (T) (9603) 9,30 Spin City: Snowbound Paul insults the mayor on a live radio show (T) (35177) 10.00 Frasier: Call Me Irresponsible Frasier starts dating the jilted girllnend of one of

his callers (r) (1) (16500) 10.30 Phil Kay Feels Sporty Bright cornedy (T) (580806) 11.05 Eurotrash The low-culture, high-offen-

siveness show, presented by Antoine de

11.35 TFI Friday (r) (634351) 12.35am Robin (9624543)

12.40am The Fly (1958) Classic horror with David Hedrson An ill-fated scientist undergoes a hideous transformation. 2.25 Return of the Fly (1959) Poor seque

with Brett Halsey and Vincent Price The scientist's son tries to recreate his lather's experiments Directed by Edward Berendts (3098253) 3.50 Strays (r) (19456765)

4.20 Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (1936,b/w) with Tod Slaughter, Bruce Seton and Eve Lister. Swaggeringly melodramatic story of the homicidal 18th-century barber. Directed by George King (773611)

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CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz, sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (8797351) 7.30 Havakazoo (5479871) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8492993) 8,30 WideWorld (8491264) 9,00 Espresso (2439516) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (7016429) 10.30 Nancy Lam (r) (T) (8308500)

11.00 Leeza (9075500) 11.50 Double Espresso (34449790) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8399852) **12.30pm** Family Attairs (r) (T) (4401871) **1.00** 5 News (49890790) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (3488413) 2.00 5's Company (7900142) 3.30 Separate Tables (1983) with Julie

Christie, Alan Bates and Claire Bloom. Two short dramas exploring love, marriage and happiness, set in a hotel in Bournemouth in 1954. Directed by John Schlesinger (8602239)

5.30 100 Per Cent (9244993)

6.00 Whittle (T) (9241806) 6.30 Family Affairs Holly threatens Simon with revenge (T) (9232158)

7.00 Exclusive Gossip (3160069) 7.30 Wildlife SOS Following a fire at a wildlife sanctuary, the staff try to rehouse the surviving animals (T) (9158142)

8.00 Attractions On the eve of the Cup Final. Tim Vincent presents the show from the Royal Box at Wembley Stadium where he looks at non-football connected things to in Chelsea and Middlesbrough. Plus a visit to Longleat satari park in Wiltshire and Castle Drogo in Deven Oulings (2811577)

8.30 5 News (3366662)

9.00 A Murderous Affair (1992) A teacher is accused of murder Directed by Martin Davidson (97579333)

10.40 Exclusive Extra (8416087)

11.40 Club Class Cornedy (5215177) 12.10am News and Sport (6581017)

12.15 Confessions from a Holiday Camp (1977) with Robin Askwith, Anthony Booth and Doris Hare. Bawdy comedy. Directed by Norman Cohen (7972185)



Walter Matthau stars (1.50am)

1.50 Fail-Safe (1964) with Henry Fonds. Dan O'Herlitry and Walter Matthau. Serious take on the *Dr Strangelove* story Missiles are accidentally fired at Moscow. Directed by Sidney Lumet (8153185) 3.45 Burke's Law (3775543)

4.30 The Road Country music (87692253) 4.40 Prisoner: Celi Block H (4073369) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2314253)

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6.00em Morning Glory (667559) 9.00 Regis and Kathlo Lee (27332) 10.00 Another World (99862) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (93516) 12.00 The Oprah Wintery Show (93516) 12.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show (83784) 1.00pm Geraido (8532) 2.00 Sally Jessy Rephael (88142) 3.00 Jenny Jones (72158) 4.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show (84993) 5.00 Star Trek. The Next Generation (3413) 6.00 Real TV (9351) 8.30 Memed (2413) 6.00 Real 1V (9391) 8.30 Member 2 with Children (9513) 7.00 The Simpsons (14142) 7.30 Mi*A*S*H (6887) 8.00 JAG (12345) 9.00 Walker, Teras Ranger (11581) 10.00 High Incident (21968) 11.00 Star Trek. The Next Generation (49451) 12.00 Amenca's Dumbest Criminels (71475) 12.30am [AP.D (32968) 1.00 Hir Mix SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (3281158) 7.30 Superboy (3998500) 8.00 Herodes (7000158) 9.00 Pacific Divis (7213622) 10.00 Tales from the Crypt (2232055) 10.30 Tales from the Crypt (2314603) 11.00 Late Show (4133245) 12.00 Hd Mix (4227746) SKY NEWS

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6.00am The Petsy (1964) (53448) 8.00
Back Home (1990) (75522) 10.00 Mocquits Squadron (1968) (71993) 12.00 The Lion (1962) (806500) 1.40pm AS She Ever Warsted (1966) (7052248) 2.15 Who'll Save Our Children? Pd (1976) (63776177) 5.00 The Beniker Gang (1965) (5096) 7.00 Little Glants (1964) (90103) 9.00 The Colony (1996) (763749) 10.30 Ed Wood (1994) (57837197) 12.40em Innocent Use (1995) (515785) 2.10 Shame & The Secret (1996) (580017) 3.45 Bullets Over Broadway (1994) (33842307)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 6.00em fit Get By (1950) (#9790) 8.00 My Neighbour Totoro (1993) (73254; 10.00 Cagney and Lacey: The View Through the Gloss Celling (1995) (73535) 12.00

Le Colonel Chabert (1994) (63887) 2.00pm The Scout (1994) (55030) 4.00 My Neighbour Totoru (1993) (5897) 6.00 Friends at Last (1995) (55351) 7.30 UK Top 10 (5697) 8.00 Semi-Precious (1995) (28671) 10.00 Species (1995) (185326) 11.50 The Scout (1994) (584535) 1.35em Freatiset (1993) (6674291) 3.05 La Colonel Chabert (1994) (637659) 5.00 Journey to the Centre of the Earth (28104)

6.00pm The First Travering Security (1956) (2837852) 8.00 The Toy (1983) (2849687) 10.00 Blind Fury (1983) (2874974) 11.30 Best Seller (1987) (7481968) 1.10am School Daze (1986) (1358948) 3.10-5.00 The Stration Story TNT ·

8.00pm WCW Nitro (37379871) 9.00 Mar-Inter (1969) (37452158) 11.00 Song of the Thin Man (1947) (38550871) 12.30em Murder, She Said (1961) (29254475) 2.80-5.00 Marious (1969) (50829765) SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (50871) 7.30 Wres-fing: Superstars (75974) 8.30 Racing News (56935) 9.00 Sports Centre (47887) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Sylve (81719) 10.00 Suff Sailing (18351) 10.30 Life European PGA Saling (18351) 10.30 Live European Fox Golf: English Open (397245) 1.30pm Formula Three Racing (78159) 2.30 Snowboard Show (6448) 3.00 Live Euro-pean PGA Golf: English Open (134603) 6.00 Sports Certire (97255) 7.00 Live Super Lesguo (442974) 9.30 Sports Certire (18516) 10.30 Hold the Back Pego (48142) 11.30 Watersports World (20603) 12.30am Super League (10811) 2.00 World Sport Special (97272) 2.30 Wrestling Raw (95562) 4.30-5.30 Sports Centre (45681) SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm End Zone W.AF Review (1683784) 9.00 Wristling: Raw (1666871) 11.00-1.00mm Golf: English Open (5593993) SKY SPORTS 3 ... 12.00 Eareme (1509581) 12.30pm Volley-ball Pro-Am (\$508587) 1.00 Ringside Boung (\$559051) 3.00 Spanish Focubal (\$5531210) 5.00 World Sports Special (\$050734) 5.00 Stoff Spring (23819887) 6.00 The Winning Post Live Horse Racing (73450974) 8.30 Extreme (80511603) 9.00 Live US Golf: Byron Nelson Classic (37454516) 11.00-12.00 NHL loe Hockey. Powerweek (79435142) EUROSPORT

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Storm clouds gather over Middlesbrough

By OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

AS CHELSEA continued their merry march towards the FA Cup Final yesterday, shrugging aside the continuing dehate about the future of Gianluca Vialli with the bonhomie of their manager, Ruud Gullit. Middlesbrough, their beleaguered opponents, exhibited fresh signs that they are about to implode.

The two teams took the roleplaying of happy finalist-sad finalist to new extremes yesterday when Gullit said he had enjoyed his first year of management so much he did not mind if he never played again and that the return to fitness of so many of his players was "a

Almost simultaneously, Craig Hignett, the Middleshrough midfield player, was hinting he might hitch a lift with the foreign legion out of the Riverside Stadium, Emerson was protesting that it was not his fault that Middlesbrough had been relegated and Gianluca Festa was saying he never said his teammates lacked fighting spirit.

The local paper, the Middlesbrough Evening Gazette, jumped on the misery bandwagon by publishing old quotes from the chairman, Steve Gibson, asserting he would "fight all the way" to

overturn the docking of the three points that helped condemn Middlesbrough to

Misleading though it was, it still raised the spectre of Middlesbrough winning the competition and then being thrown out of the European Cup Winners' Cup next year because Uefa frowns on clubs defying the rulings of domestic footballing bodies. These are not happy times on

The pall of relegation rather than a happy cloud of exhila-ration will hover over the

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north-easterners when they walk down the Wembley tunnel tomorrow afternoon, with almost half of them, including the talismanic Juninho, likely to leave in the close season.

Chelsea, on the other hand, have had a positively blissful as a coach than as a player run-up to the final, their now and it is still better to players unencumbered by divide the two jobs. That is transfer speculation, all itchwhy I will only play next year ing to play, all feeling as if the team needs me. It is though this is the start of possible that I will not something rather than a last play at all and if that treat before a prison sentence, which it is for Middlesbrough. happens it means my team is playing so well they do not

need me. "It is very difficult to do both iobs at the same time. The njuries I have had were good luck because ! could focus myself on the team. The players figured out soon that they had a fair chance with me. If you're in good shape and play well, you play for me. It helped me that the whole team had their noses in the same direction."

Gianfranco Zola, who was last night presented with the Football Writers' Association

player-of-the-year award at a London hotel, was showing

his father, Ignazio, around the

club's training facilities and

the rest of the players were saying how happy they were with Gullit.

"I am very happy with Chelsea," Zola said, "both

with the club and the fans and

I would like to give them the

same satisfaction. I know it's a

special game and I know the

supporters expect me to play a good game but I also know I

must stay normal and keep

Gullit said that if he had pushed himself, he could have

got himself fit to play a cameo part in the final. "I was not

focused on getting fit for the final," Gullit said. "If I wanted

it, I could have done it, but I

didn't want it. I wanted to concentrate myself more on

"The team needs me more

As if to try to complete the comparison between joy and misery, someone asked Gullit if he would consider giving Fabrizio Ravanelli, another of the likely refugees from Middlesbrough, shelter in west London next season. "It is totally out of the question," Gullit said. "That would be a very inelegant thing to do in this period but I have no interest in him anyway."



By Our Sports Staff

MARK McGHEE said before Wolverhampton Wanderers set about the second leg of their Nationwide League first division play-off on Wednesday that, if his team failed to reach the FA Carling Premiership, his future at Molineux would look bleak. Yesterday, he learnt just how bleak when Jack Hayward, the president and financier of the club, launched a furious attack on his manager and players. Ten years of ownership,

three managers, millions poured into the club, ridiculous millions ... and I've failed, betrayed the fans," he said, speaking on Sky Sports Centre. "I presume a manager who, after three years, fails to get you where you belong -into the Premiership - with everything going for him, the ground, the money, every-thing, one would expect him to gracefully retire and say 'I

"Money has been wasted, wasted on players that haven't come off. When we phone another club and say we're interested in a player, the price goes up three times because it's Wolves, and they laugh like a drain when we buy a player far in excess of what he's worth.

"When I see some of the players we've bought who haven't performed, haven't had the commitment - [they are] overpaid, [have] got their sports cars, homes, but they've let the fans down, let me down."

☐ Bournemouth have been given 28 days to avoid a winding-up order brought by the Inland Revenue over £250,000 in un-



Taylor, captain of the Australians, drives handsomely through the covers during his innings of 45 yesterday. Photograph: Man. Asplanc

Australians relish hospitality

BY ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT ARUNDEL (The Australians won toss): The Australians beat the Duke of Norfolk's XI by 113 runs

THE selectors and management of the England team have toured the country this spring, spreading an insistent gospel. The Australians, so the message goes, must be given the toughest possible opposition at every venue. This, then, was not the greatest of starts.

Admittedly, Arundel in May is annually more an occasion to savour the surviving customs of country-house cricket than to make a serious assessment of form; yesterday was no exception. For all that, the touring team was allowed to flex their muscles, find their feet and ease into their programme with an overwhelming win, which was not quite what David Graveney and his colleagues had in mind. Even

Mark Taylor almost made 50. It was, to be frank, a hopeless mismatch. With all 18 county sides in action, John Barclay, convenor of the Duke of Norfolk's XI, had struggled to find a quorum fitting even the reduced criteria of ablebodied and tolerably wellknown. Eight of his team had played Test cricket, though to some it was a distant memory. It was a great shame, for this

serves to be more competitive. No blame could be attached to John Emburey. Captaining the Duke's XI, he bowled his ten overs of off spin so effectively that he could doubtless still prosper in the Texaco internationals next week. He then gave a tub-thumping team talk, of which the England management would thor-

fixture both needs and de-

oughly have approved, before finding himself batting nobly in a lost cause after his men had collapsed, with embarrassing haste, to 59 for eight. As ever on this delightfully anachronistic day, such dis parities passed unnoticed by many of those present. There were 10,000 at Arundel yesterday, some of whom had been

queuing at the gates before 8.30am, but the picnickers and

promenaders of the social

circuit were as evident as serious cricket watchers. Hello magazine took a marquee. They even put up a banner identifying themselves until informed that this is a commercial-free ground. Just along the demographically diverse tented line, The Economist was also entertaining. Mobile phones proliferated

among the salmon and strawberries. Australian sides love it here, regarding the place as pecu-liarly and beguilingly English. Even when it was dear that their itinerary would be shortened this year, they were unwilling to sacrifice the Arundel tradition. Despite the one-sided nature of the game, they entered into the spirit of the day, signing autographs, posing for photographs, joking with the crowd sardine-

packed around the boundary. They had motored down from their London base in the morning, arriving with thousands already in the ground

Rose in bloom

and being surrounded by an avid scrum of admirers as they performed their warm-up calisthenics on the square. Only in one respect did they let the public down — Shane Warne was not selected. Given that they will not play before such a crowd again outside the internationals, this was

a pity.
Taylor and Mark Waugh, regular openers in the one day side, put on 101 for the first have won the match. It was not entirely screne, however, as the venerable opening pair of Neal Radford and Neil Foster, rolled back the years with some testing overs. Tay-lor lived dangerously, still

Emburey removed Taylor and, just before lunch, bowled Ricky Ponting as he made room to cut. The Australians, at 145 for four, had not distinguished themselves but they added a further 90 in the final 13 overs with Michael Slater launching three sixes off Grant Flower in making the only half-century of the

The batting of the Duke's XI is best glossed over. Suffice to say that only Grant Flower, of the top seven, managed more than four. Three early wickers went to Michael Kasprowicz before Jason Gillespie, who is likely to take the new ball when things get serious, took. three more with his first 13

balls in England. Emburey and Radford, the ninth-wicket pair, doubled the score but, by then, the tem-perature had dropped, the crowd dwindled and Australian thoughts had turned to sterner contests ahead.

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clearly with work to be done. Women's tour back in the rough after players' revolt

t was Professor Higgins who asked, plaintively: "Why can't a woman be more like a man?" Higgins may have been singing a little out of tune and expressing sentiments that would not find favour in the House of Commons today, but convinc ing evidence has now been presented by a women's sports organisation that what he was getting at was not so far from the truth.

The American Express Women's European Tour is in turmoil for the third time this decade, Gill Wilson, its deputy chief executive, resigned on Tuesday and Terry Coates, its director, may follow suit at a board meeting on Sunday. "I have no heart to continue," Coates said yesterday. Wilson walked out of the annual meeting last Tuesday with a crisp: "You can get stuffed, the

lot of you Running the women's tour has been something of a poisoned chalice since it was founded in 1978. It has limped along, always overshadowed by the success of its men's counterpart. Various hardworking, well-intentioned men have been in charge; for a while a woman tried to run it. More often than not their efforts ended in tears.

Joe Flanagan attended every women's event before he

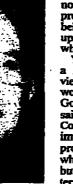
John Hopkins on the latest disputes to

disrupt a troubled sporting organisation

Doyle, a former travel agent, enjoyed heady success when Europe won the Solheim Cup in 1992. Her tenure ended summarily the next year. Coates, a former executive with British Airways, flew to than 12 events on the near-

was despatched. Andrea

the rescue. There were fewer bankrupt tour when he came to the position. There are now



Coates: threatening to resign this weekend

18 events, with more than £2.5 million in sponsorship. American Express has been brought in as a tour sponsor and a television deal struck with Eurosport.

Despite this, a rump of players felt that the women's tour was not as financially successful as it should be and on Tuesday, they voiced their

"Young women can be pret-ty vitriolic," Coates said yesterday. "They certainly know how to raise their voices. Yet they are naive in their approach to business. Their level of expectation is way beyond reality. When you've been in marketing all your life with companies like British Airways, to be teld you know nothing about marketing is pretty sad. They actually believe sponsors are queuing

up to put money into the tour, whereas the opposite is true." Yesterday, Coates received message from Laura Davies, the biggest name in women's golf in Europe "For God's sake, don't leave," she said. With Wilson gone and Coates possibly following, the impression is that the women professionals do not know on which side their bread is buttered - nor, for that matter, who butters it for them.



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